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FOOD INSECURITY

Mobile market gaining traction



Jeremy Mutton
For Metro | Halifax

Fresh food hits the road this weekend — on a Halifax Transit bus turned travelling marketplace.

The Mobile Food Market rolls into East Preston Recreation Centre on Saturday morning, with a stop at North Preston Community Centre at lunch, and will sell fresh fruit and vegetables in places where healthy food is less accessible.

It's a 21-week pilot initiative of the province, Halifax Regional Municipality, Partners for Care and the Ecology Action Centre, with community supporters across the region.

"In Halifax we have rather high rates of food insecurity," Aimee Carson, community food coordinator for Ecology Action Centre, said Thursday.

The group used health data, public transit usage, and walking distance to grocery stores to determine which communities would benefit from accessible fresh food.

"To try and get fresh food into places where people live is one model we wanted to play with."

The bus, on loan from HRM, will be retrofitted with food baskets instead of seats. It will visit Halifax's north end, Fairview, and Spryfield throughout the summer. The food is priced similar to discount grocers like No Frills.

Carson said she hopes the pilot project will give way to more permanent markets in these neighbourhoods, which can help tackle food insecurity.

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Focus on bully-beating basics

SCHOOLS

Most programs don't work, says Dalhousie professor



Jeremy Mutton
For Metro | Halifax

Researchers at Dalhousie University in Halifax have analyzed bullying prevention programs, and found only one is proven to work.

It's called WITS, short for Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it out, and Seek help.

"It's nice because it's not costly," John LeBlanc, professor at Dalhousie Medical School and pediatrician at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax, said Thursday.

"It doesn't place a big burden on schools."

That means it could save money.

"The programs that don't work can often cost thousands of dollars, because they involve bringing in a trainer that trains teachers, and works with students," LeBlanc added.

LeBlanc's team found that seven programs had no effect on reducing bullying, but WITS did.

With WITS, teachers take a



Dalhousie University researchers have found that WITS is one of the few prevention programs that's been successful in schools. However, cyber-bullying online and over social media have become as threatening as school yard bullying. **METRO FILE**

short course for training.

"It's more important to focus on the basics," creating better environments at school, he said.

"To focus on positive things like a healthy respect for school climates, where everyone is



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John LeBlanc

respected as a human being," LeBlanc said.

"What doesn't work are programs that only focus on the bad behaviour, the bullying."

Doug Hadley, spokesman for Halifax Regional School

+ KEEP YOUR WITS

The **WITS** anti-bullying program breaks down as follows:

- Walk away
- Ignore
- Talk it out
- Seek help

Board, said Thursday some local elementary schools are using WITS, and "not actively using any of the programs that the researchers recommended as not suitable for use."

LeBlanc said improving the school environment is the key for making it "harder for bullying to thrive."

"People who bully are not just acting out. They are making a conscious decision to bully," LeBlanc said.

"People who bully — and this goes for adults, too — have the intent to use their power to dominate someone else."

LeBlanc said a healthy school environment, combined with WITS, is the ideal solution.

"You have to get a lot deeper than just detecting bullying, and messages that bullying is bad."

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THINGS TO DO IN THE CITY THIS WEEKEND

From electric guitars to ultimate frisbee, there are plenty of activities to keep you entertained.



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1 DISCover Ultimate



If the recent good weather has inspired you to get active, head out to the second annual DISCover Halifax Ultimate Day in Clayton Park. Held by Halifax Ultimate, the event is encouraging people to get involved in the sport of ultimate frisbee. Attendants will get a chance to play different formats of the game, as well as receive a free disc. The event will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday at the BMO Soccer Centre. It is free of charge and open to ages 16 and up.

2 East Coast Guitar Festival



Discover the best of the East Coast music scene by attending the annual East Coast Guitar Festival this Saturday. Events will be held all throughout the day, starting with daytime live performances and Battle of the Bands from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum. Advanced tickets are \$12.50, or \$15 at the door. Don't forget to stop by Night of Guitars afterwards at 8 p.m., featuring Guitar Master Gary Hoey and The Carson Downey Band. No entry fee will be charged, but donations will be accepted at the door for Red Cross Fort McMurray relief efforts.

3 The Amber Meander

Are you a lover of both bikes and good beer? If you are, you're in luck as the two are joining hand in hand for I Heart Bike's inaugural Amber Meander. The event will feature a two-hour beer tasting tour across the city, with stops including bars like Good Robot and Unfiltered. The tour starts at the I Heart Bikes headquarters Saturday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35 — \$25 if you bring your own bike. The cost includes a bike helmet and two beer samples at each bar.



4 An afternoon of tales and wisdom

Dive in to the ancient art of oral storytelling with an afternoon of tales told at First Baptist Church. Malaika Grandmothers of Halifax and the Storytellers Circle of Halifax will be presenting Tales of Wit, Wisdom, and Wonder, where stories will be told the old-fashioned way. The event will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$20 and include dessert. All proceeds will be going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.



5 Princesses, heroes, and a tea party

Play dress-up for a good cause and attend the Halifax Princess and Superhero Tea Party hosted by the Children's Wish Foundation. The event will include a princess tea party and a superhero party with a stage show, food vendors and a silent auction. The party starts at 1 p.m. on Sunday in the third level of the World Trade and Convention Centre. Tickets are \$45 and include free admission to the Family Connects Expo happening just below in level one of the centre.



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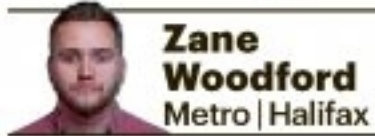
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EDUCATION

Dalhousie hires its first-ever aboriginal student adviser



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Dalhousie University has hired its first full-time aboriginal student advisor.

Sara Swasson, a Mi'kmaq woman from the Listuguj First Nation and a Dalhousie graduate, started the position on April 1, and will oversee the school's new Aboriginal Student Centre.

"Focused on enhancing the success of aboriginal students

+ LOCATION

Where to find the centre

The Aboriginal Student Centre is located on the fourth floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building.

both in and out of the classroom," a release from Dalhousie says, "the advisor position will direct the services, supports and programming of

the Centre designed to assist Aboriginal students to meet their academic and personal goals."

The release says the new centre will also be a space for social and cultural gatherings among indigenous students.

The release says Swasson brings a "wealth of knowledge and experience to the role" from her previous post as the liaison at the Native Education Counselling Unit (NECU), which used to provide services and support for indigenous students at Dalhousie.

+ COLD CASE

Police seek information in 20-year-old homicide
Halifax police say they're still investigating the murder of David Robert

Boyko 20 years after his death. On May 12, 1996, police found 41-year-old Boyko shot to death on a dirt driveway in Burnside at

about 1:30 p.m. Anyone with information about the murder is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers. METRO

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Local electronic group Neon Dreams performs at The Pavilion on May 28. CONTRIBUTED

Filling a hole in city's music scene

MUSIC

Fundraiser shows hope to revive The Pavilion



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Two upcoming fundraisers at The Pavilion are hoping to jumpstart the city's all-ages music scene. This Saturday and May 28 will see live music hit the stage once again at the all-ages venue in the Halifax Common, two years after the location closed in 2014.

"Most important this is filling the void," Adrian Morris, band member of local electronic group Neon Dreams,

said Thursday.

"I feel like the 19+ scene is actually feeling the effects of that now, because we don't have kids in high school ... excited to go out and see music once they become of age."

Morris said The Pavilion was where he and his friends hung out when they were in high school, and first became interested in playing their own music.

The space, hosting music since the early 1990s, fostered the music scene and gave creative young people a reason to stay in Halifax, Morris said.

"I was going to check out some of my favourite bands, and that's what inspired me to want to hop on that stage," Morris said.

The Pavilion Youth Association and a group called Bring Back Our Pavilion have been fundraising for the past year

+ TICKETS

Where to get them

Tickets are \$10 advance or \$15 at the door, via Ticketpro outlets, 1-888-311-9090, or ticketpro.ca.

to try and gather enough funds to operate with regular events, Morris said, and organized the upcoming fundraiser shows.

"We're hoping to fill the place," Morris said.

"These shows ... are the real kicker to really bring this back into play."

The first show this Saturday features A Sight For Sewn Eyes with Sleepshaker, Of Vice & Virtue, and Background Noise, while Neon Dreams performs May 28 with MAJE, Maura Whitman, and others. Both shows start at 6:30 p.m.

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'We don't want women to be alone'

ADVOCATES

Women's group creates booklet for the formerly incarcerated



Nadine Yousif
For Metro | Halifax

After battling drug addiction for many years, Joanne Doucette said her main concern after her release from the Nova Institution for Women in Truro was being there for her three children.

Upon her release, Doucette said she had to commute between Halifax and Truro three times a week to see her daughter, before she gained full custody. The commute was difficult, she said, because she barely knew the city.

"I would walk in rain, snow, or shine for about 30 to 40 minutes," Doucette said Thursday, adding she sometimes had difficulties getting bus tickets for her trip.

"I had absolutely no money," she said.



Joanne Doucette spoke at the Halifax Central Library on Thursday. JEFF HARPER FOR METRO

Doucette's situation is one many women often find themselves going through upon finishing their jail sentence in Nova Scotia, according to Martha Paynter, the coordinator of Women's Wellness Within.

Part of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund,

Women's Wellness Within provides care for incarcerated women and expectant mothers.

It is behind the creation of a new community resource guide for women released from jail in Halifax, designed to help them start their lives

after post-custody.

Paynter said the guide was created after listening to the women held in the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, a jail in Burnside, who wanted a better understanding of the resources available to them once they are

released.

"The guide looks at everything from housing to healthcare to employment," Paynter said Thursday.

"The things that you need when you're released and you're alone."

Paynter said she hopes cor-



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Martha Paynter

rection officers will use the guide within prisons before the women are released.

"We don't want women to be alone on the streets ... we want everything to be planned in advance so they can feel supported," she said.

Doucette said having community support made a difference in her life and helped her move forward.

She now lives with her daughter full time and frequently visits her two sons.

"I'm thankful for the support I have had in Halifax," Doucette said.

"I'm excited that now there will be a resource booklet that can help women in my situation who are new to the city and are trying to sort things out and build their life here."



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Panhandling in Halifax 'a challenging problem': Police

POVERTY

Maritime cities struggle with issue ahead of tourist season

As several Maritime cities consider measures to fight aggressive panhandling ahead of the summer tourist season, police and social experts warn it is symptomatic of a larger societal problem that can't be solved through enforcement alone.

"It's a challenging problem for law enforcement because panhandling is not an illegal act," said Insp. Lindsay Hernden, a divisional commander with Halifax Regional Police.

Earlier this week, Charlottetown council moved to amend its nuisance bylaw to prevent panhandlers from blocking pedestrians from freely walking by them and also to prevent them from soliciting "captive audiences" at places such as banking machines and bus stops or in vehicles stopped on a roadway.

Charlottetown deputy police chief Gary McGuigan said while the majority of his city's panhandling is considered passive in nature, the numbers of people soliciting for money in the downtown area has increased and the move is meant to keep the activity under control.

"Some people may be intimidated by it, some may not," said McGuigan. "But there were con-



A homeless man in the United States. Police in Halifax are examining ways of dealing with aggressive panhandlers. GETTY IMAGES

cerns from businesses about the amount of panhandlers."

Halifax has seen a growing number of complaints recently from local business associations about aggressive panhandlers who follow and badger people for money.

It's something police are examining, Hernden said, although he added officers have



We do not see a significant amount of reporting.

Insp. Lindsay Hernden, on aggressive panhandling

rarely encountered what's been described as aggressive panhandling. He said when an incident does occur it usually involves a person who has some sort of

mental health issue.

"Most of the information that we are getting along these lines is anecdotal," he said.

Jeff Karabanow, a professor

with Dalhousie University's School of Social Work, said it's possible some of the growing numbers of people who end up on our streets are more aggressive, but it's not something he's experienced in downtown Halifax.

He said he understands why businesses in particular would want to complain about pan-

+ ENFORCEMENT

Lindsay Hernden said police in Halifax have asked city legal staff to review the current bylaw, although he added police aren't pushing for any changes at this point.

He said police have a close relationship with many of the panhandlers in the downtown area and know they are on the streets for a variety of reasons — from mental health and addiction problems to homelessness and the need to supplement their incomes.

"We are not going to solve this issue through enforcement," said Hernden. "It is going to take a community of people to come together and deal with some of the underlying issues that exist that lead to a person being on the street."

handlers frequenting their storefronts when they are trying to attract consumers.

"I think the bigger question is we have some very deep core issues around poverty that are not being addressed and we are going to see more and more people in informal economies and engaging in street survival," Karabanow said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chase the Ace bonanza

CHARITY

Close to \$10M spent on huge fundraiser in Sydney area

Nearly \$10 million was spent on tickets for the Chase the Ace game that ended last week in Sydney.

The Ashby legion-hosted fundraiser, that also benefited the Horizon Achievement Centre, wrapped up on Saturday when Sydney's Kathy McPherson flipped over the ace of spades to win the \$2.9-million jackpot exactly one year to the day that the game began.

A year ago, the phenomenon that is Chase the Ace was little known in Cape Breton.

But that changed in Inverness, where the

game began to make its way into the public consciousness. By the time its \$1.7-million jackpot was won in October, the fundraising game that featured a total of \$59 million in ticket sales was making international news.

Stephen Tobin, business development officer with the Horizon Achievement Centre, was one of the Ashby event's organizers and, over time, became the face of Chase the Ace in Sydney.

"It grew so quickly from draw to draw — the snowball effect was just mind-boggling in terms of attendance and sales," recalled Tobin.

"But we grew with the event, whether it was expanding the size of the ticket drum, or setting up extra venues, or marketing, everything about it grew from draw to draw, so it has been a really interesting phenomenon."

Tobin also said he, the other organizers and the more than 250 volunteers are all very proud of what they accomplished.

"Looking back, we think we managed well through good times and bad times, but mostly good times, and at the end of the day I think we accomplished something very spectacular and it was a real pleasure to be part of that," he said.

Organizers are still tabulating the cost side of the event and have yet to release



figures on how much money the two charities have raised.

Meanwhile, scores of other chase the ace games are underway across Nova Scotia, with organizers of those events hoping that lightning will indeed strike a third time.

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SHELBURNE

Deadline to remove derelict boat from wharf

The court has extended Tracy Dodds' time to remove his derelict vessel the MV Farley Mowat.

According to chief administrative officer for the Town of Shelburne Dylan Heide, Dodds was found in contempt of court for failing to comply with the courts orders to remove the vessel from the Shelburne Marine Terminal.

The court has previously given Dodds' extensions that he failed to meet. The court

imposed all the penalties including paying the town \$5,000, said Heide.

The judge also issued a warrant for the arrest and imprisonment of Dodds for 20 days, Heide said.

"Nevertheless," said Heide. "In accordance with court precedent. Mr. Dodds was given the opportunity to purge the con-

tempt and avoid the penalties if the ship is finally removed from the terminal by May 31."

Should Dodds fail to remove the ship from the terminal by the deadline, Heide said, there would be now more chances for Dodds. "There will be no further court dates and the penalties including jail time will take effect immediately," said Heide.

The Town of Shelburne was also awarded its costs.

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- Jackpot: \$1,771,256 — Donelda MacAskill, Englishtown, N.S.

Ashby (Sydney) Chase the Ace

- Total ticket sales: \$9.7M
- Final draw ticket sales: \$1,391,166
- Total prize money paid: \$6M
- Biggest draw prize (excluding finale): \$380,524 — Sheldon Boutillier, Albert Bridge
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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Police warn of high-risk sex offender

Police are advising all citizens, especially those living in the Halifax Regional Municipality, about a high-risk offender residing in the community.

Gavin Sean Griffiths, 29, dubbed "the pants puller," is a repeat sex offender being monitored by the Ottawa Centre for Probation and Parole. He has been assessed as being at a high risk to re-offend.

Police said in a media release late Thursday that Griffiths has completed a sentence for sexual assaults and recently indicated he was coming to Nova Scotia.

He has a record of criminal convictions dating back to 2005, which includes other offences in addition to sexual assault. His victims have included adult females with whom he had no previous relationship.

Griffiths will be on probation



Gavin Griffiths CONTRIBUTED

for two years and is required to follow strict conditions. These include not possessing any weapons, participating in counseling, and restrictions on contact with several specific individuals.

Police advised that any form of vigilante activity or other unreasonable conduct will not be tolerated. METRO

IN BRIEF

Cape Breton school gets weapons complaint

No one was hurt and police are investigating after a weapons complaint was called into a Cape Breton school on Friday. Police responded to Sydney Academy at 8:45 a.m. after receiving a report of a potential weapons complaint. They then instituted a 'hold and secure,' keeping students in classrooms until about noon.

Police deemed there was no threat to public safety, and are continuing to investigate.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

Robbery suspect sought

Kings RCMP are looking for help ID'ing a suspect in an armed robbery that occurred Wednesday in Grand Pré. According to a news release, a man wearing a black jacket, black pants, a ski mask and gloves entered a convenience store just after 9 p.m. with a gun demanding cash and cigarettes. The police believe the suspect left the area on foot, heading south on Grand Pré Road.

He is being described as five-foot-four and slim. Anyone with information is asked to contact RCMP or Crime Stoppers. TC MEDIA

Funding for autism treatment boosted

EARLY INTERVENTION

Change affects up to 40 kids, with an added cost of \$3.6 M

An additional 30 to 40 pre-school children with autism spectrum disorder will receive intensive treatment each year as a result of \$3.6 million included in Nova Scotia's spring budget.

The additional funding means a total of 180 children per year will get treatment under the Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention treatment program (EIBI). The province now spends \$14 million a year on the initiative.

Health Minister Leo Glavine said Thursday the goal is to assist every child who needs help before they start school.

"EIBI helps pre-school children improve their social skills, their ability to communicate and learn from others," said Glavine. "It can mean the difference between a successful school experience and a very frustrating one."

Under the program, children get up to 18 hours a week of treatment offered by psychologists, speech language pathologists and autism support workers.

Training is also given to parents so they can work with their children.



Health minister Leo Glavine announced funds to help children with autism. METRO FILE

Carol French of Halifax said the program has been important in the lives of her two boys.

French said her oldest son Jaden, now 15, was among the first 50 children included in the program when it was launched in 2004-05.

"EIBI taught him how to speak in sentences, and taught him many things to get him ready for school such as sitting at a desk, turn taking and socializing

with peers — which for most children comes completely naturally," she said.

French said her five-year-old Zachary, who is non-verbal and has social anxiety, took part in the program last year and is ready to start school in September.

"With EIBI's daily intervention he now plays with toys, sits at a table and feeds himself with support ... and most importantly has

developed social skills."

Cynthia Carroll, executive director of Autism Nova Scotia, said the extra funding should clear the waiting list for pre-school treatment.

Carroll said it's critical to get access to early intervention.

"That's something that we are really pleased about and applaud the government for," said Carroll.

However, she said more work needs to be done to shore up support as children progress through the school system and into adulthood.

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Crew members line the masts of the Mexican navy tall ship ARM Cuauhtémoc as it arrived in Halifax Thursday morning.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

Nautical lineup coming Friday

The Cuauhtémoc will serve as a fitting backdrop for Friday morning's announcement of the Tall Ships 2017 lineup.

Jennifer Angel, the acting president and CEO of Waterfront Development, said the Mexican navy ship is here as part of the Visiting Ship Program.

"The ship is invited to visit us and ... they receive free berthing from us in exchange for opening to the public and doing tours and that sort of thing," she said.

Angel said it's rare to see ships the size of Cuauhtémoc here, typically only once or twice a year.

But other types of ships also frequent the waterfront throughout the year as part of the program.

"The idea is we invite and support these vessels so that the public can access the ship and learn about the ship and experience the ship. And also of course in this case, Mexican culture," Angel said.

Although the Cuauhtémoc won't be making an appearance in the Tall Ships event next year, Premier Stephen McNeil, Waterfront Development Corporation, Sail Training International, and Tony Ince, the communities, culture and heritage minister, will announce the full 2017 lineup at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Murphy's The Cable Wharf on Lower Water Street.

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The public can tour the Cuauhtémoc's deck free of charge Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dazzling tall tales of the sea

NAVY

Mexican tall ship docks to fanfare in Halifax



Olivia Carey
For Metro | Halifax

Nearly 100 navy cadets stood on the masts of the Cuauhtémoc as the Mexican tall ship arrived to the Halifax waterfront Thursday morning.

Visitors oohed and aahed as

the sail-training vessel docked at Cable Wharf, visible from anywhere on the Halifax Harbour.

Crowds of people moseyed through the ship's deck that afternoon, as Lt. Cdr. José Meixueiro spoke about life on board.

"When we are on the sea we have to keep the maintenance of the ship so it's really hard work. And we also pass like five, six hours a day practising with the cadets," Meixueiro said.

The ship carries 250 crew members, including 81 cadets that change every year, he added.

"We train our cadets because they are going to be the future officers of the Mexican navy,"

he said.

"They have to practise a lot of navigation, astronomical navigation, electronic navigation, engineering."

Diego Arciga, a 20-year-old cadet working on the ship, said he loves the adventure.

"It's so fun. It's interesting to be a part of the crew because the (manoeuvring) of the tall ship is very interesting activity for us because the cadets needs to know how hard it is to live at sea," he said.

Arciga said he'll be at sea for another seven months, with one break to go home in October.

The Mexico City native said

he looks forward to exploring Halifax on his days off. "It's so exciting. It's really fun," he said.

Julian Lenhart, 29, was looking for a place to eat when he stumbled across the ship.

The Ottawa visitor said he was impressed with the craftsmanship of the vessel.

"I like the whole sail part, like looking up seeing all the structures, all the rope that holds everything together," he said. "It was pretty impressive."

Jillian Dann, 21, and her grandfather Lionel Dann said they were just coming to visit the waterfront when they saw the enormous ship.

"Very colourful, very fun looking. It was interesting. There's a lot of people getting on it though," Jillian said.

"For the most part it's kind of scary when you're getting on the thing here," she added as she pointed to the narrow bridge connecting the ship to the boardwalk.

Dann said the blaring Mexican music also drew her to the ship.

"That and you can see it from all the way around," she said.

The Cuauhtémoc will be available for viewing all weekend until it departs Monday, May 16 at 10 a.m.



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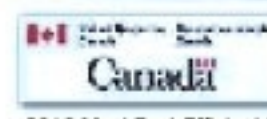
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BLOOMING GREAT WARM SPELL ON WAY A woman walks past a forsythia bush in full bloom at the Halifax Public Gardens on Thursday. Temperatures rose sharply to 18 C in the Halifax region on Thursday, with more nice weather expected Friday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Raft of charges for rampaging pair

CRIME

Spree leads to over a dozen charges each for 14-year-olds



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Two Dartmouth boys are facing a slew of charges ranging from theft to joyriding, following several crimes reported to police during the early morning hours Thursday.

An officer arrested the two 14-year-old suspects on Highfield Park Drive near Highway 111 shortly after 5 a.m., Halifax Regional Police said in a news release issued early Thursday evening.

The patrol officer saw "two male youths walking in the area," the release said.

"He recognized both of them and realized that one had

recently been reported as missing."

The officer searched both boys and found several stolen items on them, some of which had been taken from a stolen car, the release said. The officer arrested them without incident and took them to police headquarters in Halifax to be interviewed.

The first call involving the two young suspects came into police at 4:18 a.m., when a taxi driver said he had been driving outbound on Highway 111 near Burnside Drive when a tennis ball-sized rock "smashed through his front window," the release said.

The second call came in at

"He recognized them and realized one had been reported missing."

Halifax Regional Police
news release

4:27 a.m., indicating that a suspicious vehicle was sitting in a parking lot on Ilsley Avenue. Officers found the 2005 red Pontiac Vibe "severely damaged," soon after discovering that it had been stolen from a business address on Raddall Drive.

"It was later determined that the two youths had used the stolen vehicle to commit numerous acts of property damage, estimated at well over \$20,000," the release said.

Officers also discovered that two local businesses had been broken into, one on Wright Avenue and the other on Ilsley Avenue.

The two boys are currently being held in custody and will appear in Halifax provincial court Friday.

They will both face one count of break and enter with mischief, one count of theft and possession over \$5,000, four counts of theft and possession under \$5,000, seven counts of property damage and one count of joyriding.



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Will they stay, or will they go?

In the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfire, which saw more than 88,000 people evacuated from their homes and destroyed 2,400 buildings, many people don't know what the future holds. One family Metro spoke with is determined to return to their lives, while another woman wants to leave the tragedy behind and move on.



Connie Jacobs and her son Zander, 10, are planning to go back to Fort McMurray with their family and pets. KEVIN TUNG/FOR METRO



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

If Zander Jacobs' parents have their way, their son will be reunited with the Sith lords he loves as soon as possible, back in Fort McMurray.

Ten-year-old Zander left his two action figures behind in his home — luckily still standing — when he evacuated it last week with his family.

Jacobs can't wait to see Darth Vader and Darth Maul again.

"I'm a really big Star Wars fan," he said. "I love all of them." But his parents are just keen

to return to the city they love.

"We're planning on going back, though there'll be lots of work to do," said Connie Jacobs, Zander's mother. "That's our home no matter where we are, that's where our heart is right now."

Evacuating the city was chaotic for the Jacobs family: Zander, his sister and father, Steven, weren't at home and ended up being evacuated north, while his mother was at home, and loaded up their two dogs, cat and bearded dragon — packed into an Old Dutch potato-chip box — and headed south.

They're now staying at a

friend's place in Spruce Grove, near Edmonton, where they're sharing space with two other families.

While Jacobs no longer has a job to go back to — she was working for a condo company that had all its units burn — she said her husband works for a flooring company that they believe is still in business.

She's looking forward to going home, but safety concerns have to be addressed.

"We definitely want to go back, but we want to make sure it's safe. We don't ever want to ever go through anything like this again."



Theresa Blacquiere is among few Fort McMurray residents who don't plan to return to the city. "I'm too terrified to go back," she says. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Theresa Blacquiere is adamant she won't return to Fort McMurray, after she fled the city in what she calls a terrifying experience.

After raging wildfires consumed about 10 per cent of Fort McMurray last week, Blacquiere was among the more than 88,000 who left their homes.

"I left with the clothes on my back," she said. "It was probably the most frightening experience I had ever been through."

And as many plan to rebuild

their lives in the city once they can return, Blacquiere said she won't — she has moved on.

"I'm too terrified to go back," she said, "and I can guarantee you I won't be back."

She said she isn't sure she'll return to fetch her belongings, as they continue to sit untouched since last week's blaze.

"I just don't know," she said repeatedly. "I've given my landlord my notice, so I may be paying rent until June. But it is what it is — I don't plan on going back."

In fact, Blacquiere has managed to acquire her old apartment in Lacombe.

She said she just feels happy to be somewhere away from the flames.

"It's just so heartbreaking to see what has happened," she said.

Blacquiere, who works as a clerk at an oil and gas camp south of the city, said nobody is quite sure when they'll be called back up, as the fire proves to move in unpredictable ways. She said the next two weeks will be getting settled in Lacombe, and waiting to see how work pans out.

"I haven't looked for other jobs, yet," she said. "I'm just going to take it day-by-day."

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Renters, landlords frustrated

HOUSING

Lease deals a source of tension for many residents



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Fort McMurray's fire only charred about 10 per cent of homes in the area, but for tenants and landlords still barred from the city, both could see losses over lease agreements.

Renters looking for answers about getting back their May 1 deposits won't find them in Alberta's Residential Tenancies Act. According to a Calgary real estate lawyer, acts of God aren't part of provincial legislation and normally fall under the insurance.

Kim Clemens and her husband fled Fort McMurray after beginning a new lease on a condo. They paid their first month's rent and a damage deposit she says they may not get back.

"One week into evacuation they call to tell us they were evicting us because they needed



A charred oven is shown in the Abasands neighbourhood during a media tour of the fire-damaged city of Fort McMurray on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the condo back," Clemens said. "They said their home was gone so they needed that condo."

She said they intend to stay, and have already spoken to a lawyer about their rights — they've been advised to continue paying rent and that the landlord needs a just cause to evict them.

"I cry a lot," Clemens said. "I was happy, I had a home

before I left."

Calgary real estate lawyer Jeffrey Kahane said first steps include checking with your landlord and your insurance company — if you have one.

"There's nothing in the act that would let (tenants) get their month's rent back," Kahane said. "They're renting the property, all their stuff is in the property, and it's unfortunate. They could

try talking to their landlord, but they're under no obligation to give it to them."

A form published by the Centre for Public Legal Education Alberta and Laws for Landlords and Tenants in Alberta reflects as much. Renters are required to keep paying rent. If the property has health and safety issues and both parties can't come to an agreement, tenants can call

a health inspector.

If a leased building isn't standing anymore, or severely damaged, tenants can choose to "treat the rental agreement as frustrated," stop paying rent, pack up and go. It's usually best to let the landlord know in writing, and have substantial photo and video evidence before booking it.

Kahane said if the property has been completely burned down renters may be able to request back partial rent.

Clemens' isn't the only case of tensions bubbling between landlords and tenants. Fort McMurray evacuees share posts on support Facebook groups, some tenants trying to make deals with their landlords, others asking legal advice and most looking for answers.

It's not just renters with concerns. Landlords can't claim lost rent through their insurance unless the property is reduced to cinders. They can defer their mortgage payments, but are still going to be on the hook for cash. And if tenants leave, that's their livelihood on the line.

Metro contacted Service Alberta for clarification, but waited for a response for four days before publication.

SAFETY

Fire may not return for years



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Silver linings will be small comfort to the residents of Fort McMurray, but the massive fire that forced all to flee may keep the community safe from a similar disaster in the future.

Chad Morrison, senior wildfire manager in Alberta, said the fire has destroyed so much of the surrounding forest that it would be difficult for another to spread.

"Much of the vegetation has been consumed, so that will actually protect if the fire ends up turning around," he said.

"Once the fire has burned through, it won't return there, but there is still lots of work to make that safe," he said.

The community's mayor, Melissa Blake echoed those comments.

"I feel safe from fires for the next 50 to 75 years, because it is not likely to do this again real soon," she said. But she also said the community will have to take a hard look at how it's laid out and how structures are built.

STRIP CLUB

'People just want to relax'

Fire evacuees from Fort McMurray have been offered meals, clothing, places to stay and now an unusual gift — a free lap dance.

An Edmonton strip club is waiving its \$9 entry fee and offering one \$30 lap dance to any customers from the evacuated

city in northern Alberta.

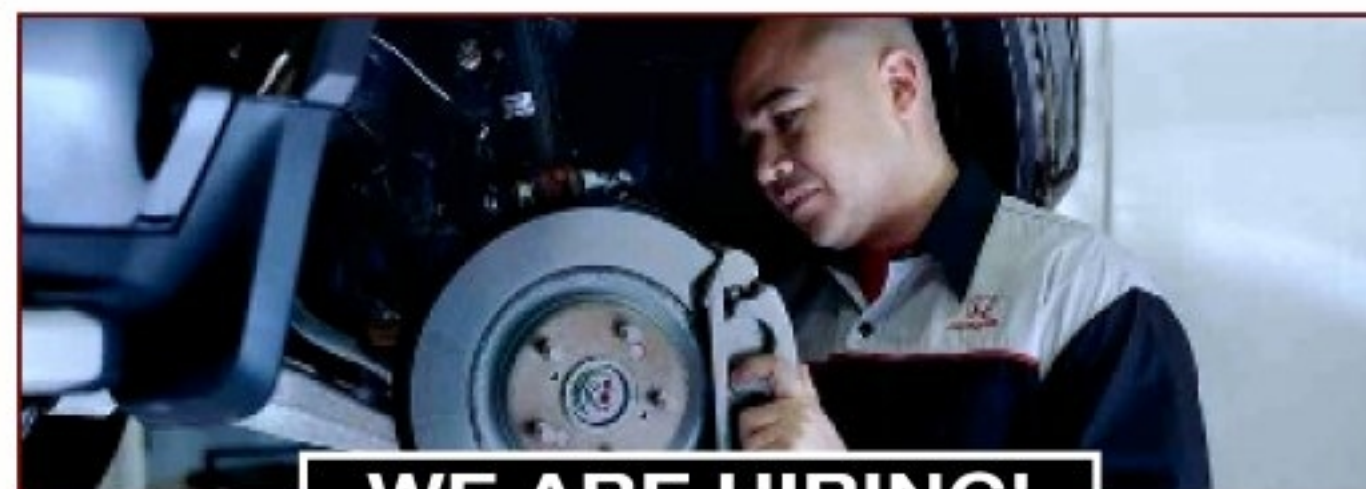
As demonstrated in the days since the fire, the oilsands capital is home to many families.

But Chris Round, manager of a company that manages five strip clubs in Alberta including one in Fort McMurray, acknowledges the city also has a

reputation as a party place for oil workers making loads of money and spending it in bars on their days off.

"It's been a stressful time for everybody. People just want to relax and get their mind off things for a little bit.

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HALIFAX

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MENTAL WELLNESS

Group to teach youth how to bring sports and hope home



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Skylar Hookimaw has been searching for a way to bring positivity into his home of Attawapiskat and believes he may have found it this week.

The First Nation declared a state of emergency in April after its population of around 2,000 saw more than 100 suicide attempts in half a year.

Both federal and provincial governments responded with crisis teams, mental-health professionals and social workers, but the state of emergency also caught the attention of Motivate Canada.

Every year, Motivate hosts the Activate National Youth Leadership Forum — a workshop-based conference for young people to learn how to leverage the power of sport



Tatum Nakogee and Skylar Hookimaw in Ottawa on Thursday. COURTESY DAN DUBEAU

and recreation to change their communities for the better.

Motivate CEO Don Adams and organizers saw social-media posts on what Attawapiskat youth said they needed.

"They were saying, 'We need more recreation, more sport, more physical activity... something to do,'" Adams said. "So we said, 'We really think our

“Hopefully they will feed off of that positivity and look forward to a brighter future.”

Skylar Hookimaw

Activate program could make a difference."

Motivate invited Hookimaw and two other young people from Attawapiskat to Activate 2016, running this week at the YMCA Bonenfant Camp in Dunrobin, just outside Ottawa.

Rather than dispatch outside help to Attawapiskat, Activate is teaching three of its own

young people how to spark change from within.

"I think this will really help," said Hookimaw, 19. "These things I am learning are all positive, and I'm looking forward to teaching some of the youth what I'm learning."

"Hopefully they will feed off of that positivity and look forward to a brighter future."

He said he plans to take home some of the games and activities he's learning about.

"It would be really awesome if they had this in my community. The youth would come out and socialize more and feel like they matter," he said.

He and his neighbours Tatum Nakogee, 16, and Sky Koostachin, 22, are currently engaged in workshops on sport program development, physical literacy, networking, inclusion and wellness, to name a few.

"We hope to support them," Adams said. "They're keen to make a difference; we just want to support that."

To that end, Motivate is fundraising to send a member of its "Gen 7" role-model program for aboriginal youth to Attawapiskat to support the new "Activators."

SYRIAN CRISIS

Nearly all of feds' refugees housed

Immigration Minister John McCallum said 98 per cent of government-sponsored Syrian refugees have now found permanent housing.

The minister told a Commons committee that the remaining two per cent should be housed by mid-June.

He says the government plans to bring in and sponsor 25,000 refugees from Syria this year and is well on its way to that goal. That's on top of the 25,000 brought in by the end of February in a mix of sponsorships.

McCallum says there is still a demand among Canadians to help Syrian refugees.

"I'm probably the only immigration minister in the world whose major challenge is not being able to deliver enough refugees quickly enough to satisfy the amazing generosity of Canadian households, Canadian families who want to sponsor them," he said.

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EXPLOITATION

Child sex tourism increasing

More children than ever are being exploited in the travel and tourism sector in Canada and around the world, according to a new report released Thursday.

The two-year study, produced by the non-governmental organization ECPAT International, found that child-sex tourism has increased drastically and changed in nature in the last 20 years despite strong global efforts to combat the problem.

The main reason is the "phenomenal" increase in global travel, which has created more opportunities for abuse, says a

member of the task force that oversaw the report.

"The only way not to find this problem in any community is simply not to look," Ernie Allen said in an interview.

The study found that Canada and the U.S., which have traditionally been considered "source countries" for abusers, are increasingly also becoming destinations. In Canada, indigenous women and kids are especially vulnerable and are often moved to be exploited near oil rigs or mining sites, the report reads.

The study found that over the

last 20 years, the profile of an offender has changed from the stereotype of a white, middle-aged male pedophile who travels to a less-developed country specifically to exploit children.

Now, the majority are "situational" offenders — people who may have never dreamed of sexually exploiting a child until given the opportunity to do so and are mostly local or domestic travellers.

"These are business travellers, these are migrant transient workers, these are volunteers," Allen said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trump mending fences

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner pledges to work with House Speaker

Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan pledged to work together despite their differences after a meeting Thursday aimed at unifying a party torn over Trump's rise to the cusp of the Republican presidential nomination. The speaker stopped short of a full-throated endorsement but appeared closer to one.

Trump and Ryan issued a statement describing their meeting as a "very positive step toward unification" that recognized "many important areas of common ground" as well as areas where they disagree. Ryan stunned Republicans by withholding his endorsement a week ago when it became clear Trump was on a firm path to the nomination.

The much-anticipated meeting unfolded as more Republicans have begun urging the



Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan have vowed to work together despite their differences in an attempt to unify the Republican Party. GETTY IMAGES

party to leave the extraordinary discord behind. The statement by the two suggested both are invested in tamping down Republican infighting as they try to pull the GOP together for the fight against Hillary Clinton and Democrats in the fall.

Ryan told a news conference they are "planting the seeds" to

accomplish that.

In a tweet, Trump said: "Great day in D.C. with @SpeakerRyan and Republican leadership. Things working out really well!"

Trump, in a black SUV, slipped from one GOP power centre to another on a fence-mending mission made necessary by his outsider status in the city that

embodies insiders.

The billionaire's provocative, crowd-rousing pronouncements, his arsenal of insults hurled at rivals and his amorphous positions on matters dear to conservatives have unnerved many GOP leaders who fear he will be crushed in the fall. At the same time, more are recognizing that

he's tapped a deep nerve among many of the disaffected - and the GOP has no alternative to him in any event.

Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, an ally of GOP leadership, said Thursday his biggest worry about Trump is that he is "unpredictable." Yet Trump is also a "change agent," Cole said. "That's exactly what people want right now, so in that sense he's very well-positioned for a general election."

The highest-ranking woman in the House GOP leadership, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington state, said the meeting gave her a chance to make this core value clear to Trump: "Dreaming big for everyone and turning its back on no one."

About a dozen protesters who oppose Trump's immigration positions demonstrated at the front of the RNC building where the men met. They chanted "Down, down with deportation. Up, up with liberation." They carried a cardboard coffin that they said represents the suffering of immigrants under GOP policies and the death of the party under Trump.

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GEORGE ZIMMERMAN

Gun used in Martin case for sale online

An online gun auction website yanked George Zimmerman's ad to sell the pistol he used to kill unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, saying it wanted no part in the deal, but a second site offered to post it.

A listing for the weapon was removed from the GunBroker.com site Thursday morning, minutes after the auction was to begin, as negative traffic about the sale exploded online.

In a statement posted on its website, GunBroker.com said listings are user generated, and that the company reserved the right to reject listings at its discretion. No one there "has any relationship with Zimmerman", the company wrote in its statement.

It added, "We want no part in the listing on our website or in any of the publicity it is receiving." Hours later, United Gun Group tweeted that it would post Zimmerman's ad.

Critics called the planned auction an insensitive move to profit from the slaying.

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Remains of slaves being reburied centuries later

ALBANY, N.Y.

Construction workers found the graveyard 11 years ago

Their exhumed bones point to the hard lives of slaves: arthritic backs, missing teeth, muscular frames. In death, they were wrapped in shrouds, buried in pine boxes and — over centuries — forgotten.

Remains of the 14 presumed slaves will soon be reburied near the Hudson River in New York state, 11 years after construction workers uncovered the unmarked gravesite. This time, volunteers are honouring the seven adults, five infants and two children in a way that

would have been unthinkable when they died. They will be publicly memorialized and buried in personalized boxes beside prominent families in old Albany.

"It's something we agonize over because it's very rare that you have an opportunity to not just speak about the lives of the enslaved, but to actually do something to honour them," said Cordell Reaves, of the Schuyler Flatts Burial Ground Project.

Their headstone is already set. The etching, echoing the style of 18th-century graves, reads: "Here lies the remains of 14 souls known only to God. Enslaved in life, they are slaves no more."

Archeologists found remains in 2005 after a backhoe operator uncovered a skull during sewer construction just north of Albany. Graves were in two rows, heads pointed west.

The type of wrought iron nails on the coffins and brass pins on the shrouds indicated burials in the 18th or early 19th centuries. They were buried on the former site of a farm owned by members of the locally prominent Schuyler family, who kept slaves.

DNA tests on five of the women and one man showed maternal ancestry from Africa and Madagascar. Another woman, identified as of African descent, had Native American roots on her mother's side.

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BURIAL

Remains to lie in state

Individually decorated boxes with the remains of the 14 presumed slaves will lie in state on Friday, June 17, at the Schuyler Mansion, a state historic site once inhabited by relatives of the farm operators. They will be buried the next day on a landscaped cemetery hillside within walking distance from where they were first buried.



Artist Danielle Charlestin shows off a burial container she is painting in Troy, N.Y., that will hold the remains of a slave found at an unmarked cemetery. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHO REPORT

Pollution killing millions

Almost everyone in large cities in poor and middle-income countries faces excessively high air pollution, a growing problem that is killing more than three million people prematurely each year, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

The UN health agency says more than four out of five city dwellers worldwide live in cities that don't meet WHO air quality guidelines.

The findings are part of WHO's third Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database, which examines outdoor air in 3,000 cities, towns and villages across 103 countries, although some nations, including many in Africa, don't contribute data.

The agency named Zabol, Iran, as the city with the highest annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter — a key measure of air pollution that could damage health. By that measure, India stood out as home to more than half of the 21 most polluted cities.

New Delhi, which had previously topped the list, dropped to No. 11 after decreasing its annual average concentration of particulate matter by about 20 per cent from 2013 to 2015 through a series of air-clearing measures.

In Europe, the Bosnian city of Tuzla had the worst air, although its pollution level was far less than in much larger cities in India, Pakistan and China.

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ANTI-CORRUPTION SUMMIT

Nations make plenty of vows

A handful of countries agreed Thursday to publish lists of who really owns companies in their territories, a move hailed by the British government as a step toward stopping a global plague of tax evasion, money-laundering and bribery.

The "beneficial ownership" registers were announced at a London summit called by Prime Minister David Cameron to fight what he termed the "cancer" of corruption.

Cameron, who has made combating financial wrongdoing one of his flagship policies, said the gathering showed that after years of good inten-

tions, the conference marked the start of "a global movement against corruption."

"There's nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come," he said.

But many countries didn't sign up to the tough actions Cameron sought, and anti-corruption groups said criminals would still find plenty of places to stash their money — including tax havens linked to Britain.

Susana Ruiz, tax expert at anti-poverty charity Oxfam, said "tax dodgers can still sleep easily tonight."

Heads of state, ministers and

diplomats from some 40 countries met Thursday, and made a plethora of promises: to fight bribery in public contracting and the energy sector; to clean up international sports; to step up intelligence and law-enforcement co-operation; and to return stolen assets to their owners.

Firm commitments, however, varied widely. Just six countries — Britain, France, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Kenya and Afghanistan — agreed to publish registers of who really benefits from corporate ownership, a key goal of anti-corruption groups. Six more, including Australia, Ireland and Norway, said they would "explore doing so."

The U.S. didn't make that commitment.

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There's nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come.

British Prime Minister David Cameron

Samsung expands virtual reality

TECHNOLOGY

Company pairs with Oculus in attempt to dazzle consumers

Smartphone maker Samsung and virtual reality specialist Oculus are trying to dazzle consumers by adding more entertainment and educational options to their Gear headset in hopes of transforming the technological curiosity into a cultural phenomenon.

The new selections announced Wednesday include Nomads, a three-dimensional video series examining wayfarer lifestyles in remote parts of the world. There's also an upcoming video game called Tactica that requires players to plot a battlefield strategy on a holographic tabletop, and another 360-degree video called 6X9 providing a grim look of what it's like to be stuck in a prison's solitary confinement cell.

They join a menu of more than 250 apps designed for the Gear VR since its consumer model was released nearly six



This photo provided by Felix & Paul Studios shows a scene from a 3-D video series called Nomads. Virtual reality specialist Oculus is trying to impress consumers by adding entertainment and educational options to the Samsung Gear headset. HANDOUT VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

months ago. That's a meagre amount compared to the millions of apps available for the iPhone and devices running on the Android operating system.

Devices that build an arsenal of compelling apps usually are easier to sell to consumers. Programmers, though, put a lower priority on designing apps for devices until they have amassed

a large audience.

That hasn't happened yet with the Gear, though Oculus says it is winning over fans faster than it anticipated when the headset hit the market just before last year's holiday shopping season. About 1 million people used the Gear VR last month for an average of 25 minutes per day, according to Oculus.

About 80 per cent of that time was spent watching video.

Samsung designed the Gear for its most recent smartphones with the help of Oculus, a little-known startup until online social networking leader Facebook bought it for \$2 billion two years ago to help introduce virtual reality to the masses.

"Oculus can help people ex-

+ NEXT BIG THING

Mark Zuckerberg is convinced virtual reality is destined to become technology's next big breakthrough, and other influential trendsetters Google and Apple are now scrambling to catch up in the still-nascent field.

perience anything, anywhere," boasted Max Cohen, the company's head of mobile. "We think this (technology) can actually change people's lives."

The concept of virtual reality, a technology that immerses people in an artificial world, has been around for years, but has never taken off.

The Gear was a forerunner to a more advanced virtual-reality headset called the Rift that costs \$600 and requires a connection to a high-powered computer.

The Rift began shipping nearly two months ago, although many buyers still haven't received the headset yet because of delays that Oculus has blamed on parts shortages.

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REPRESENTATION

Emojis for women by Google

Google wants professional women to be better represented in emoji form.

In a proposal to the Unicode Consortium, which controls specifications for emojis, Google says it wants to create a new set "with a goal of highlighting the diversity of women's careers and empowering girls everywhere."

Sample emojis provided by Google in the proposal show several female characters in professional clothing, including business suits, lab coats, medical scrubs and construction hats.

Google wants Unicode to standardize the emojis by the end of the year.

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Emojis designed by Google to focus on women. HANDOUT

RETAIL

Walmart attacks Amazon with shipping deal

Wal-Mart is sharpening its attack on Amazon.com.

The world's largest retailer is trimming its free-shipping pilot program to two days from a three, and it's cutting a dollar off the membership price. Membership is now be \$49 per year.

The Bentonville, Arkansas,

company began testing the new service last year in answer to Amazon Prime's two-day shipping, a big part of its domination of the retail sector.

Amazon membership costs \$99 a year, which comes with a bewildering array of perks, including household product

subscriptions, one and two hour Prime Now delivery, streaming music and video, photo storage and more.

"Prime has become an all-you-can-eat, physical-digital hybrid," Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos wrote in his annual shareholder letter in April. He wants

the service to be such a good deal that you'd be "irresponsible" not to sign up, he wrote.

And Amazon has thrived because of it. Analysts say that Amazon Prime members buy more frequently and spend more money.

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EQUALITY

One small step for women

A British receptionist who mustered public support after she was sent home from work for refusing to wear heels has been vindicated. The firm has changed its policy to allow workers to wear flat shoes.

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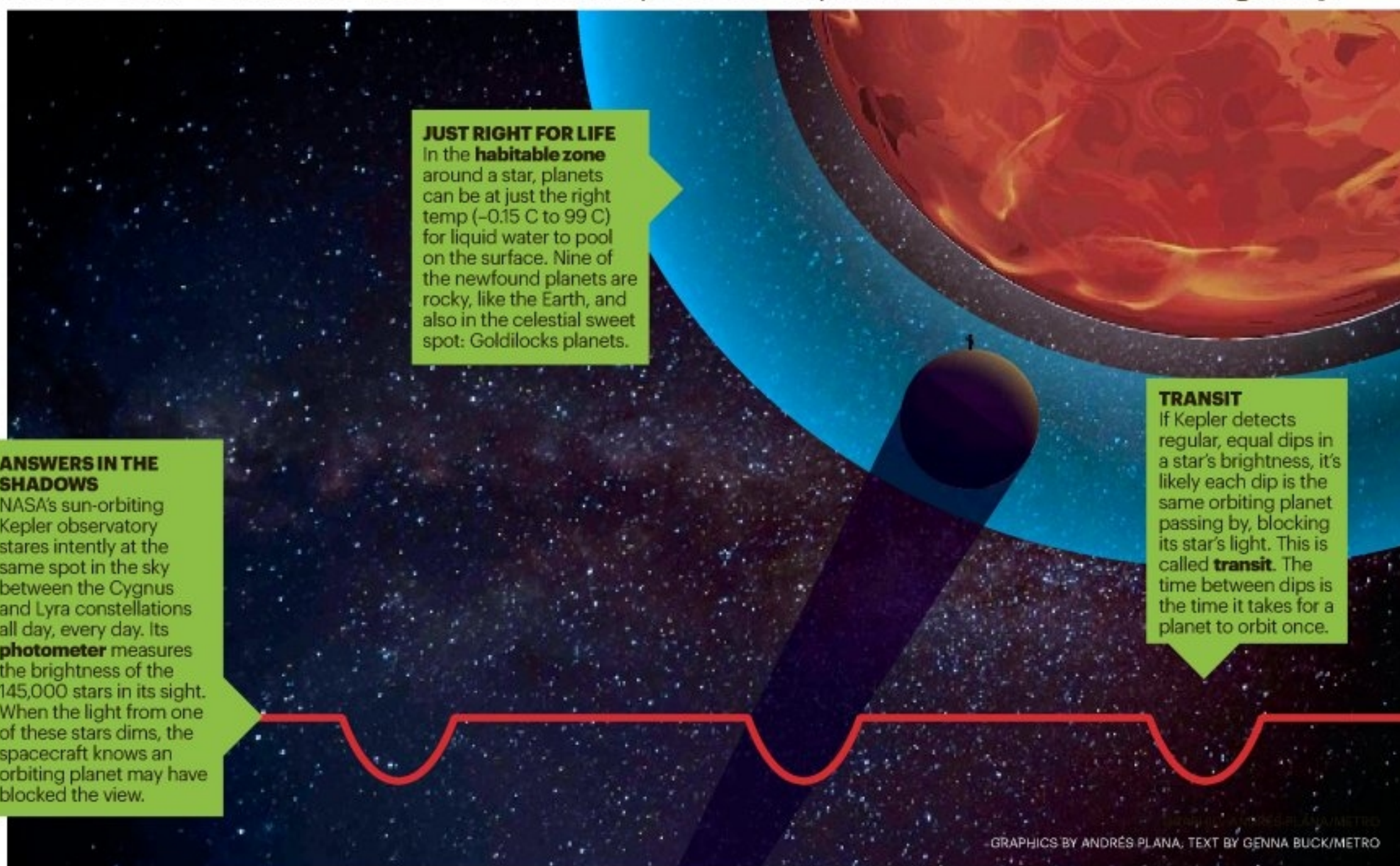
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DECODED Goldilocks planets

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

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FINDINGS

Your week in science



SELECTIVE MEMORY

You know the feeling: We remember past failures and embarrassments acutely but forget less awful things that happened around the same time. A study from University College London suggests the hippocampus, which helps associate memories with their surrounding context, is less active while we're exposed to gruesome images and events.

HUNGER IN YOUR HEAD

Researchers at McGill University have discovered that a specific type of brain cells, **NG2-glia cells**, are essential for signalling to the body that we've had enough to eat.

SOUND SMART

PEDO MORPHISM

DEFINITION
Pedomorphism is a type of genetic change: It's when the adults of a species start to display a trait that used to only be seen in the young. It can happen randomly, or through natural selection or selective breeding.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

"I think there's a lot of **pedomorphism** bred into pugs like Pamela. Look at her chubby cheeks and big, round eyes. She looks like a puppy, but she's 16!"

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CLOONEY'S RESUME

The star's latest, *Money Monster*, at home among an eclectic mix

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



George Clooney is a rare breed, a one-name film star. Mention "George" and everyone knows who you're talking about.

He's headlined a handful of films dating all the way back to when there was a Clinton in the White House that raked in north of \$100 million. Since leaving the television show *ER* in 1999, he's released two movies a year on average, including this weekend's *Money Monster*, a thriller about the host of a financial advice show held hostage on live TV by an investor who lost everything.

Some of his films have been successful, others not, but it's clear Clooney doesn't aspire to be a blockbuster star. Perhaps it's because George is, as *Time* called him, "the last movie star," that he appears determined to smash what that kind of stardom means. By lending his name to offbeat movies he deconstructs the mechanism of superstardom.

George steers his career toward character driven pieces, often at the expense of giant box office numbers. And while the fabric of his fame may fray around the edges from time to



Clooney as he appears in this year's *Money Monster*. Once described by *Time* as "the last movie star," Clooney has built up an impressive and eclectic resume on the silver screen, writes Richard Crouse. COURTESY ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA

time — he's as susceptible to box office vagaries as anyone — he stays busy, winning Oscars, producing movies like *August: Osage County* and acting as pitchman for everyone from Fiat to Martini vermouth.

"I'm very aware of the fact that if not for a Thursday night time slot on *ER*, I wouldn't have this career," he once said, "so I'm going to push the limits as much as I can."

From kid flicks to period dramas and political satire Clooney has done just that.

Loosely based on a Roald Dahl story, the stop-motion animated *Fantastic Mr. Fox* sees Clooney as a smooth-talking fox that returns to a life of crime after buying a tree house he can't afford. Clooney brings charm, wit and warmth to an unpredictable character, smooth one minute, a wild animal the next.

Clooney also starred in *The Good German*, a tribute to 1940s cinema shot with technology from the golden age of Hollywood — the same lenses, the same atmospheric lighting, the

same rat-a-tat-tat style of dialogue, the same everything. It's a retro-looking film made with twenty-first century creative freedom. Clooney, as an American military journalist covering the Potsdam Conference in post-war Berlin, and co-star Cate Blanchett look like golden age movie stars but behave more like Brat Packers.

Strangest of all is *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, the best movie with the worst name on Clooney's resume. He plays a psychic soldier in this screwball

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Money Monster ★★
A Bigger Splash ★★★★★
Sunset Song ★★★

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satire about the state of modern warfare. It's an absurdist film, filled with memorable images — Clooney staring down a goat, enlisted men doing the Watusi and a montage of Jeff Bridges embarking on a journey of en-

lightenment — where no joke is too broad or too barbed.

George is so artistically eclectic he even disowns one of his biggest hits. "I always apologize for *Batman!*" he says of the ludicrous *Batman & Robin*.



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What, sororities can't throw parties?

INTERVIEW

Seth Rogen on Greeks, geeks and sexism on U.S. campuses

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Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne's at-wits-end young parents from *Neighbors* thought their college party problems were behind them after triumphing over Zac Efron's fraternity next door, but that was before a sorority moved in. Rogen talks to Metro Canada about the Greek system that solidified the plot, how Zac Efron can make people pity him and the surprisingly dark turn the franchise could take next.

How much were you looking to play with the surprisingly inherent sexism you highlight about the Greek system in this film? It's honestly the thing that made us think it was a good idea in the first place. We were debating whether or not a sorority moving in would be a good or interesting idea, and then Michelle, one of our interns, was like, "Sororities aren't actually allowed to throw parties, so it actually wouldn't be a nightmare to have a sorority move in next door." And we were just like, "What the f—? This is crazy." It was almost one of those things where if you think about it, it's probably the reason for so many problems that are on college campuses, you know? The fact that they can't have parties in their own private, safe home-field environment was just very bizarre to us, really. That kind of rule seems surprisingly old-fashioned.

THRILLOGY

How about 'Neighbors 3'?

Rogen and his cohorts have pulled off the rare feat of a comedy sequel that works as well as the original. So assuming *Sorority Rising* turns out to be a success, certainly he's thought about where the characters could go in a third film, right? Not necessarily. "I mean, I'm not the kind of person who can assume any success has occurred until it has. I wish my brain worked that way" Rogen says.



It was totally crazy. A lot of women who have seen the movie just didn't know. I mean, I'm from Canada where frats and sororities just aren't as big of a thing. But the reaction that you have is I think the reaction that a lot of people have — just like, "What?" (laughs)

You avoid the usual pitfalls of a comedy sequel. What was the strategy for that?

I'm hoping we did that. (laughs) It sounds weird, but we looked a lot at the *Toy Story* movies. They're all about growing up, they're all about kind of letting go of your childhood and they really just explore

the phases of that in a very logical, simple progression. That's really what we started to talk about. OK, it's a movie about growing up, it's a movie about being parents. What is the next logical thing that would happen after the first one? We would have another kid, we would be afraid of our parenting abilities. And for Zac it was, OK you've graduated, now what? You're essentially a guy with no skills out in the world. What would be the next thing that would happen there?

You do some interesting stuff with Zac Efron's character emotionally, which audiences might not have expected.

People are generally pretty sympathetic to stupid people, which is good for our work because we portray them a lot. (laughs) It's really also a testament to Zac and his acting. I brought one of my friends from Vancouver to one of the screenings. He has a very average job and he does not meet a lot of people like Zac Efron and is generally trained to be resentful of people like him. And after the movie he was like, "I felt so bad for him. That is such an amazing thing to accomplish." He was like, "I should not be feeling bad for Zac Efron in any way, shape or form, but the whole movie I just wanted to reach out and hug him. It's so sad."

Does making a comedy with Universal make it easier to write in *Minions* jokes?

Yes, very much so. We generally try to tap into the intellectual property of the studio that we're working with. We thought, if there's ever a chance to put *Minions* in our movies, this is it. We just want to work with those *Minions* now that we have a chance.



Seth Rogen hasn't run short of jokes with *Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising*, an impressive sequel in which Zac Efron is welcomed into Chloe Grace Moretz's riotous group (inset). CONTRIBUTED

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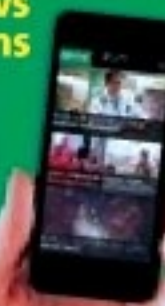
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STYLE

Sassy, understated looks dominate Cannes red carpet events

The 2016 Cannes Film Festival is finally here, and it looks like a sassy, slightly undone approach to glamour is going to be on the menu this season.

Here are some of the most glamorous beauty looks from the opening ceremony and photo calls.

Kristen Stewart

Kristen Stewart unveiled a fresh, pretty look that managed to look sweet and rebellious all at the same time.

Created by Lucia Pica, Creative Designer for makeup



and color at Chanel, the look focused on perfectly groomed brows, lightly-smudged kohl-lined eyes using Chanel's Stylo Yeux Waterproof Noir



Intense, and a girlish pink lip created using Rouge Coco Baume.

The actress's choppy peroxide bob and dark roots keep things punky.



Vanessa Paradis and Kirsten Dunst

Vanessa Paradis meanwhile, opted for an enviably French nonchalant approach to her makeup, with casual

center-parted hair, a light smoky brown eye and a shimmering coral lip her only concessions to the glamorous event. She posed alongside fellow member of the jury Kirsten Dunst, who looked polished in her post-box red lipstick, teamed with a side swept fringe and light eye makeup.

Blake Lively

Blake Lively forwent the show-stopping chignons and updos she has favoured in the past, rocking a perfectly messy ponytail that sat low,

with loose strands pulled out to frame her face and shoulders. A simple makeup look of pink lipstick and false lashes underlined the innocence of the look.

Julianne Moore

One actress sticking firmly to old-school glamour was Julianne Moore, whose auburn locks were blowdried poker straight and glossy. She matched her smoky blue eyeshadow to a bold pink lip, with the look offset by emerald drop earrings. AFP

Clooney vows U.S. will not elect Trump

POLITICS

In Cannes, actor says fear won't drive his nation

George Clooney has vowed that Donald Trump will not be elected president, promising that "fear is not going to be something that drives" the United States.

Clooney spoke to reporters Thursday at the Cannes Film Festival where he stars in Jodie Foster's hostage thriller Money Monster.

Clooney, a prominent fundraiser for Hillary Clinton, insisted that Trump will not win.

"There's not going to be a President Donald Trump," Clooney said.

"That's not going to happen. Fear is not going to be something that drives our country. We're not going to be scared of Muslims or immigrants or women."

"We're not actually afraid of anything."

Clooney and his wife, human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, last month hosted a

pair of events in Los Angeles and San Francisco that raised millions for Clinton.

The actor said that Trump is the product of the collision of news and entertainment depicted in Money Monster.

In it, Clooney plays a Jim Cramer-like financial guru taken hostage live on the air by a distraught investor (Jack O'Connell). Julia Roberts co-stars as the program's producer.

"Trump is actually a result in many ways of the fact that much of the news programs didn't follow up and ask tough questions," said Clooney.

"Twenty-four-hour news doesn't mean you get more news, it means you get the same news more," he continued.

"More and more and more you hear these guys, their ratings go up because they can show an empty podium saying 'Donald Trump is about to speak,' as opposed to taking those 30 seconds and saying, 'Well, let's talk about refugees,' which is the biggest crisis going on in the world right now."

For the 55-year-old Clooney, television news has been a lifelong theme.

His father, Nick Clooney, was a journalist and distinguished local news anchor.

Clooney's second film as a director was 2005's Good Night, and Good Luck, his black-and-white Edward R. Murrow drama about the halcyon days of television news.

vision news.

As an actor in Steven Soderbergh's Out of Sight, he also memorably riffed on Network, the Sidney Lumet-Paddy Chayefsky classic of ratings-obsessed broadcast news.

"Money Monster talks about the evolution of what has become the cross between news and entertainment."

"And I think that's been a big problem. Network started it," said Clooney. "Everything that Paddy Chayefsky wrote in 1975 came true."

Money Monster, Foster's fourth film as a director, debuted in Cannes on Thursday ahead of its North American release on Friday.

Critics greeted it with lukewarm reviews, though the film has drawn praise for being a rare commodity: an adult thriller with some meaning.

"This movie is talking about one of the things that I think is a great disaster in the way we inform ourselves right now," said Clooney.

"We've lost the ability to get to and tell the truth and get to the facts."

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George Clooney attends the Money Monster premiere in Cannes on Thursday.

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EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

The songs are just a sideshow as Europe gets ready to party

Who will be the next winner of the Eurovision Song Contest set for May 14 in Stockholm? Out of 42 contenders, 26

countries will compete in the Eurovision 2016 final at the Globe Arena in the Swedish capital on Saturday night.

The host nation and 25 other countries, including the "big five" — France, Germany, Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom — are some of the largest financial supporters of the European Broadcasting Union-TV, which produces the contest. Here is a look at some

of the most interesting acts:

Duel between Russia and Ukraine

Bookmakers are closely watching the Russian-Ukrainian duel between Sergei Lazarev, who will sing You Are The Only One, and Ukraine's Jamala, who will sing 1944, a song inspired by her great-grandmother's stories. Jamala's song recounts the deportation of

the Crimean Tatars by Soviet strongman Joseph Stalin. Political leaders in Moscow and Crimea protested against this song choice for, they say, bashing Russia for its annexation of Crimea in March 2014.

The Voice, a Frenchman French-Israeli performer Amir Haddad (seen right) has also been given favourable odds for his song J'ai

Cherché (I Searched).

With a range and tone often compared with Enrique Iglesias, Amir was a 2014 finalist in the French version of The Voice, the on-screen singing competition that has become a reality TV smash hit

across the globe. Amir, 31, could become the first French performer to win the Eurovision contest since 1977.

Dances with wolves

Belarusian competitor Ivan, tall and thin with long blond hair, was forced to put his clothes on after rehearsing naked while flanked by a wolf named Shakira. Eurovision, which prohibits the presence of animals on stage and requires contestants to be clothed, has forbidden him from appearing naked. Ivan has agreed to always wear his clothes and to use a holographic image instead of a real wolf.

Singing from Down Under

Australia will participate as a special guest for the second year running. Competitor Dami Im was

born in South Korea, and moved to Brisbane, Australia with her family when she was just nine. A classically trained pianist, she learned how to speak English by listening to pop songs.

Dami entered the spotlight in 2013, when she took the Australia X-Factor crown. Her astonishing voice and transformation into a fully-fledged pop performer, which, has won the hearts of the Australian public, now gets ready to hit Europe.

Tiara and lace

Set to appear in a lace gown and a floral tiara, 19-year-old Austrian Zoe Straub (seen below) is a former student at the French school in Vienna, who will be singing Loin d'ici (Far From Here), in French. Her song choice should delight Andre Valini, France's minister of Francophonie, who protested against Amir Haddad's decision to sing a small part of his song in English.



Sergei Lazarev's song You Are The Only One will be Russia's entry, taking on Ukraine at the Eurovision Song Contest in Stockholm on Saturday night. JONATHAN NACKSTRAND/AFP

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On a recent Saturday morning, I was led into temptation...twice.

We drove to Valleyview Gardens, a Scarborough plant centre where we planned on picking up a few plants to fill some pots on our deck. Three hundred and fifty dollars later, we left with paradise.

"I need to eat a little something before we start gardening," I told Simon as we stuffed the car with grasses, herbs and succulents, "maybe a pastry and a coffee." We'd passed all sorts of strip mall bakeries — from Chinese to Greek — but Google maps made up our minds after telling us Francesca Bakery was just 10 minutes away.

We came for cannoli. Seventy dollars later, we left with a box of Italian cookies, two pieces of lasagna, a couple of fist-sized rice balls, a muffuletta-looking sandwich layered with salami and cheese, and roasted chicken and potatoes. And no, we didn't forget the cannoli. And yes, that too was paradise.

A paradise of a different sort opens on Friday: A Bigger Splash reunites Tilda Swinton with Luca Guadagnino, who directed her in 2009's I Am Love: a highly stylized film that left me wanting to touch everything from Swinton's polished wardrobe to a plate of prawns that sends her into near-ecstasy.

It sounds like A Bigger Splash, which premiered at the Venice Film Festival last year, is just as tactile: "I keep joking we should give people sunscreen with their popcorn for this movie," Swinton recently said. "There's a feeling that you're going to this place."

The place is Pantelleria, an island between Tunisia and Sicily. Swinton plays a rock star who retreats there with her boyfriend, a filmmaker, played by Matthias Schoenaerts, for rest and relaxation after vocal-cord surgery.

But paradise is interrupted when her ex-lover,

a record producer played by Ralph Fiennes, shows up unexpectedly with his daughter (Dakota Johnson) who he just discovered he had, in tow. Enter temptation, jealousy, desire, lust — and judging from the trailer, perhaps a crime of passion.

We interrupted our gardening to eat that sandwich, which was big enough for two. "I really wish you got some chicken parmigiana," Simon said.

"That's not even Italian you know," I said. "It's Italian-American."

"Who cares! It's delicious!" he said. "And you know that the hybrid of two food cultures is still 'authentic' because immigrants, by using what they had available to them in the new world, made it so."

"I was thinking that very thing in Francesca Bakery." Even though the scenic photos of Sicily hanging on the walls, the bright modern space with metal tables and chairs felt more New Jersey than say, a traditional pasticceria in Palermo, like Bar Costa, where, coincidentally, Francesca Bakery owner Angelo Battaglia got his start as a teenager, it felt just as legitimate.

"Think about all the regional variety in Italy," I continued, "all the ways that outside influences changed their food. Take the Sicilian cannoli: it has Arabic roots."

"It's funny how we think of food culture in Italy as static, even though it's always adapted," he said. "I mean the tomato, which didn't even arrive there until the 1700s, is now synonymous with Italian food."

"I wonder what Chinese Canadians think about their cuisine here?" I thought out loud.

"I don't know. But I think chicken balls have their place," he said, "And so does chicken parm."

Like in paradise.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

THE MOVIE:
A Bigger Splash



THE MEAL:
italian



Why #StarringJohnCho is trending



In the Photoshopped movie posters, John Cho replaces some of Hollywood's favoured men.
WILLIAM YU/VIA TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LEADING MEN

New website rails against Hollywood's 'whitewashing'

How would it look if there were more Asian actors playing lead roles in Hollywood blockbusters?

Check out the #StarringJohnCho website and see for yourself.

The website has inserted Cho's image into a number of mainstream movie posters, including Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, Go Rogue, Mother's Day and The Martian to draw attention to the fact that "whitewashing Asian roles in film abounds."

It notes that it's common practice for white stars to be cast as Asian characters, such as Scarlett Johansson playing Motoko Kusanagi in the dystopian crime story Ghost in the Shell, blonde and blue-eyed Emma Stone as Alison Ng in Aloha, and Jim Sturgess as Jeff Ma in 21.

Cho is best known as the

actor who took on the iconic role of Sulu in the Star Trek reboot, and as one of the titular characters in the Harold & Kumar comedy trilogy.

However, Asian actors in Hollywood generally remain consigned to bit roles, the website argues.

"#StarringJohnCho is a social movement that literally shows you what it would look like if today's Hollywood blockbusters cast an Asian-American actor — specifically, John Cho — as their leading man," it says.

The website argues that it makes economic sense to cast more Asian leads, as diverse casts promise higher box office profits.

"Support #StarringJohnCho by sharing the hashtag and help ignite this necessary conversation," it says.

The site says it was created by 25-year-old digital strategist William Yu, who Photoshopped Cho's face onto a collection of mainstream Hollywood movie posters.

It also carries a disclaimer which states that Cho has no affiliation with it.

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Mediterranean days turn dark once Tilda Swinton, Dakota Johnson, Matthias Schoenaerts and Ralph Fiennes get together in **A Bigger Splash**. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Splashing into a lusty, lurid romp

INTERVIEW

'It's great to do peculiar,' says film's director Guadagnino

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

"I like to do peculiar," says *A Bigger Splash* director Luca Guadagnino. "It's great to do peculiar."

The Italian filmmaker is talking about his relationship with Tilda Swinton, star of four of his feature films. In their latest collaboration she plays a rock star recuperating from throat surgery with her boyfriend Paul (Matthias Schoenaerts) on a remote island halfway between Sicily and Tunisia. Their tranquil time, however, is shattered by the arrival of Harry (Ralph Fiennes) her former record producer and lover and his Lolita-esque daughter Penelope (Dakota Johnson). Soon into the visit the sunny Mediterranean days take a dark turn as their shared histories bring up some ghosts from the past.

In the new film Guadagnino throws a peculiar twist Swinton's way by making her character largely mute, forcing her to rely solely on her face and eyes to complete the character.

"We are very dear friends," he says of Swinton. "We love one another completely. The

pleasure of one another's company is so strong, so unstoppable. Also Tilda is such a courageous performer. That combination makes everyday an adventure, new and funny and tough and great. Also, I think what we do together is very peculiar."

Swinton is spectacular but *A Bigger Splash* is worth the price of admission just to see Ralph Fiennes, Lord Voldemort himself, strut his stuff to disco era Rolling Stones.

"I am a big fan of Ralph Fiennes," says Guadagnino. "I have been loving him since I saw him in *Schindler's List*. I saw him in the trailer for the *Grand Budapest Hotel* and I found this kind of levity that made me think he'd be perfect for Harry."

In one long scene Fiennes unleashes some of the wildest dance moves since Elaine Benes in what must be his loosest on-screen performance ever.

"Everything started with the brilliant script by David Kajganich and the description of how this man loses himself to the dance," says the director. "Starting from there Ralph proposed to me to work with a choreographer from London. We met her and decided it was good for her to let Ralph find something wild within him. Let

him be loose with his own body and have confidence with his own movements. I described the world the choreographer and Ralph went into as psycho-analytical choreography. It was about unleashing and having the confidence to unleash. It wasn't choreography that was staged gesture by gesture. It was about creating that flow."

A Bigger Splash is a romp — a lusty and lurid thriller with worldly people, drugs, drinking and some startling nudity.

The film's nakedness, Guadagnino says, "is about being truthful to the story you are telling and the characters you are depicting. We are talking about four people on an island entangled in the web of desire. People who come from rock and roll, people who come from a sort of elite world, people who are completely liberated in their own skin even though they are completely chained by their passion. They are people who get naked. For me it is not a contrivance. It is the answer to the question, What would they wear in a place like that, doing things the way they do?"

Next time around, however, don't expect as much skin. "I can't wait to make a Victorian movie with people dressed all the way up to their necks," he laughs.

"I'm a big fan of Ralph Fiennes. I have been loving him since I saw him in *Schindler's List*.
 Director Luca Guadagnino, on his leading man

Chris Evans just got cool via his new romance

ROMANCE

Captain America is dating comic Jenny Slate

An actor-writer-producer and an actor-writer-director start dating in Hollywood. No big deal. Except one of them is Captain America.

US Weekly's breathless announcement "She's Team Cap!" revealed that Jenny Slate and Chris Evans are official at it, their fledgling relationship immediately put under the microscope of gossip sites, celebrity journalists and social media.

"They're perfect," gushed Elle magazine in a Tweet.

While Slate doesn't have Evans' profile, there's much to generate hope that this could be the perfect match for both of them. They're both 34, both hail from Boston and they share strong

chemistry as well as rapier wits.

As Evans put it, according to US Weekly, "Oddly enough, I've only known Jenny for a few months, which is insane to say because we're like the same animal."

Evans, who has previously dated Jessica Biel, Christina Ricci and Minka Kelly, met Slate while they were shooting the family drama Gifted in Savannah, Ga. Slate has recently split from husband and collaborator Dean Fleischer-Camp.

Salon.com's Mary Elizabeth Williams wondered what all the fuss was about. "Should it really come as any surprise that a successful, smart, objectively good-looking woman could find romance with a successful, smart, objectively good-looking man?"

Truth is, Evans is a huge star and acknowledged among his fans to be a total smokeshow.

And while Slate is a bright, talented and funny, her ca-

reer trajectory doesn't match his. Which is not to say that is a permanent status.

The former Saturday Night Live cast member broke through with writer-director Gillian Robespierre's Obvious Child in 2014, which she both starred in and produced.

Slate played a stand-up comic dealing with an unplanned pregnancy in the dramatic comedy, which was seen as controversial in some circles and earned solid reviews.

She told the Star's Bruce DeMara in 2014: "It's a bummer that a movie that is so thoughtful and kind of everyday about a woman's right to choose — and that this one woman chooses an abortion

— that that is groundbreaking, it makes me sad."

As for Evans, his resume extends beyond The Avengers and Steve Rogers.

He wrote, directed and starred in romance Before We Go, which premiered at TIFF in 2014 and was impressive in Joonho Bong's futurist sci-fi social commentary Snowpiercer. In Ariel Vromen's The Iceman, a long, greasy wig and oversized glasses rendered Evans unrecognizable as an ice cream truck-driving murderer who teams up for mob hits with real-life killer Richard Kuklinski (Michael Shannon).

As BuzzFeed feature writer Anne Helen Petersen noted on Twitter: "Dating Jenny Slate makes Chris Evans infinitely more interesting."

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Chris Evans (inset) says of Jenny Slate: "I've only known Jenny for a few months, which is insane to say because we're like the same animal." GETTY IMAGES



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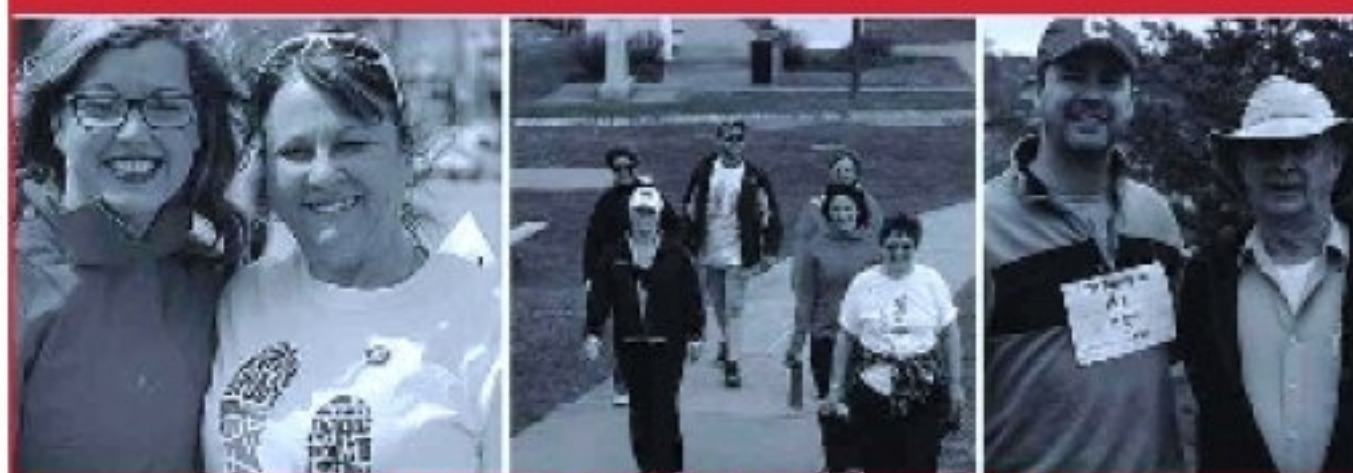
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They boast the dubious honour of having the highest median age of any city in Canada. But if you think that means this is a sleepy tea-room filled community, think again.

"If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault," one of the residents said to me, as I attended one of many concerts held at the Old School House Arts Centre. I would return to the Arts Centre the next day to take a water colour painting class (which confirmed my career as a writer), one of a virtual plethora of programs and exhibits offered on an ever changing basis.

Qualicum life is exemplified at the Courtyard Café. Meryl and Peter Tryon run this community-minded restaurant, and their specialty crepes have both locals and visitors visiting often.

After filling up on a Crepe Benny, I headed to the Farmers Market (Saturdays only) which sees 70 per cent of the market stalls occupied by farmers and local food makers who are required to be there themselves, a "meet your maker" approach



Qualicum Beach offers a number of ways to unwind; from watching the ocean tides from the Qualicum Beach Inn, to exploring the 50-acre Heritage Forest and the Saturday Farmers Market. PHOTOS BY KATHY BUCKWORTH



which is extremely successful. The other booths are filled with local crafters.

It's B.C., so seafood? Of course. The CView Restaurant in the Qualicum Beach Inn has an extensive menu, which is best enjoyed on their cozy fire-pit laden patio.

Take a drive down the highway a bit to Parksville and visit the Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa & Resort, as well known for its spa as it is their changing local cuisine.

While much of the full time population may be in their retirement years, Qualicum Beach and its neighbour Parksville are full of visiting young families and couples from Victoria (just



If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault.

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a two hour drive away), or from the Lower Mainland, via ferry.

Families often opt to stay at the Beach Club Resort & Inn, for its convenient suites, complete with full kitchens and well-traversed boardwalk on the ocean. Kite surfers and kite flyers fill the seascape.

I finished my visit with a hike through the 50-acre Heritage Forest where 200-year-old Douglas Firs rise up to 700 feet in the air.

"There are no mosquitoes, skunks, grizzly bears or moose on the island" said Gary Murdoch of Pacific Rainforest Adventure Tours.

No wonder they're relaxed. You had me at no mosquitoes.

TRAVEL NOTES TOP AIRLINE, NEW COASTER AND MT. EVEREST CLIMBERS RETURN

Alaska tops best airlines list

Alaska Airlines and JetBlue Airways still rank highest in the annual J.D. Power survey of passengers on the nine largest North American airlines. J.D. Power said Wednesday that Alaska Airlines ranked highest among traditional airlines for the ninth straight year and JetBlue was the top-rated low-cost carrier for the 11th year in a row. Air Canada ranked fourth, and WestJet finished third among low-cost carriers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Valravn debuts at Cedar Point

Cedar Point, in Sandusky, Ohio, is home to the new roller coaster that opened to the public Saturday. The ride, called Valravn, gives riders a sweeping view of Lake Erie before dropping them over 200 feet on a 90-degree free fall that hits a top speed of 75 mph. It also turns riders upside down three times. The roller coaster has already broken records as the world's tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Climbers reach summit

Nine Nepalis reached the top of Mount Everest on Wednesday, the first group of climbers to summit the world's highest mountain in three years after deadly disasters forced a shutdown. The team reached the summit at 5:02pm (1117 GMT) while fixing ropes for foreign climbers, who will try later this week to ascend the mountain, hit by tragedy in 2014 and 2015. Hundreds of climbers abandoned the mountain last year after an earthquake-triggered avalanche killed 18 people at Everest base camp. AFP



5 THINGS TO SEE ALONG DENVER'S BRIGHTON BOULEVARD

A busy street connecting downtown Denver to the interstate, roaring with trucks and running alongside railroad tracks, might not sound like a trendy neighbourhood in the making. But now's the time to visit Brighton Boulevard before it begins to look too much like any hipster street in any other city.

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1 Cowboys and rodeos

A mural depicting farm animals and dancing cowboys just off Brighton Boulevard is easy for drivers to miss. Its delicate greens and oranges, on jewel-like tiles on a concrete wall, are almost invisible in the shadow of Interstate 70. From the mural, it's a short walk to the National Western Complex, which hosts rodeos, martial arts tournaments, alpaca exhibits, classic car auctions and concerts throughout the year.



2 Museum

Toward downtown is the Forney Museum of Transportation, a nostalgic stop for its classic inventory. The cavernous hall sitting along railroad tracks displays a nail-polish red 1936 Morgan racer and other vintage cars, motorcycles, bicycles, planes and boats, including a Martin AirCar designed for land, sea and air travel.



3 Food

The Source, a European-style food market in what was once a brick foundry at 33rd and Brighton, includes eateries like Comida, where winter squash pancakes, bacon jalapeno griddled tacos and a long list of cocktails are on the menu. Three blocks away, the Will Call tavern serves drinks, burgers and empanadas.



4 Arts

The trendy restaurants, tech and public relations tenants are just some of the signs of gentrification to hit this neighbourhood dotted with manufacturers. Also new: entertainment that's not a rodeo. The Denver Center for the Performing Arts has ventured out of its downtown theatre for an immersive, interactive performance project called Sweet and Lucky.



5 Activities

Other indicators of change include recreational marijuana shops and artists moving into warehouses. Galleries and ateliers for dressmakers and artisans working in wood and metal have also popped up. Another warehouse nearby houses Denver's Great Room Escape, an experience where participants pay to enter a room and use clues and riddles to get out.



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"The walls are down": Vancouver's Victor Montagliani, head of the Canadian Soccer Association, after being voted president of CONCACAF

Canes ready to defend

NBL CANADA

Atlantic final tips off when Mill Rats visit this weekend



Kristen Lipscombe
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The Halifax Hurricanes know "it won't be easy."

But head coach Hugo Lopez believes his players are ready for the tough challenges they face in order to successfully defend their Atlantic Division playoff title.

The Hurricanes tip off against the Saint John Mill Rats in a best-of-seven Round 2 series, starting with the first two games this weekend at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax.

"We've been practising the whole week, getting ready for Saturday's and Sunday's games," Lopez said Thursday. "We know it's not going to be an easy match-up for us."

The Hurricanes and Mill Rats have had an intense rivalry all season, with the former claiming first place overall after the National Basketball League of Canada regular season and the latter snagging second place in the regional division.

But the Mill Rats have proven themselves to be the biggest pests on the court for the Hurricanes this season. Saint John has won more times than any other team against Halifax this season, claiming six victories out of 11 regular-season games played.



Hurricanes forward Billy White tries to get past Saint John Mill Rats power forward Keith Gayden earlier this season at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ROUND 2 SKED

GAME 1 Saturday, 7 p.m. at Scotiabank Centre in Halifax	May 21, 7 p.m. in Saint John GAME 5*
GAME 2 Sunday, 4 p.m. in Halifax	May 23: 7 p.m. in Halifax GAME 6*
GAME 3 May 20, 7 p.m. at Harbour Station in Saint John	May 24, 7 p.m. in Saint John GAME 7*
GAME 4	May 26, 7 p.m. in Halifax

*- IF NECESSARY

"It's going to be a big rivalry," Lopez agreed. "We know that they have a veteran team."

That includes five-foot-11, 185-pound guard Anthony Anderson and six-foot-six, 205-pound power

forward Gabe Freeman, Lopez pointed out.

But Freeman, the team's leading scorer, will miss Game 1 this Saturday due to a two-game suspension, the Mill Rats announced

earlier this week.

"We've got to do a bunch of really good things in order to be successful in the series," Lopez said.

"We've got to focus on one-on-one defence and make sure we take care of our glass," he said of a couple of important focus points for the Canes.

The Hurricanes advanced to the Atlantic Division championship series by sweeping the Island Storm in three straight games of a

best-of-five Round 1 series.

The Saint John Mill Rats defeated the Moncton Miracles 3-1 in their best-of-five Round 1 series to advance to the Atlantic Division finals, for the first time in franchise history.

"We expect big games," Lopez said. "Players want to play these types of games, and win the final conference, so everyone is ready to play."

"I hope everybody joins us this Saturday and Sunday, and we can give them a couple of wins."

Hurricanes coach
Hugo Lopez

IN BRIEF

Raptors' Carroll confident he'll play in Game 6

Toronto Raptors forward DeMarre Carroll has played through pain before this season.

He's not about to stop now that the team is a win away from the Eastern Conference final.

Carroll, who's listed as questionable for Game 6 against Miami with a left wrist injury, seemed very confident that he'll be back in the lineup Friday night against the Heat.

"I will have a lot of say," he said. "Let's put it that way."

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'They'll let me know': Kids will tell LeBron when to quit

LeBron James will soon face a triple-team he can't beat.

The NBA superstar, who is making another run toward a title with the Cleveland Cavaliers, said Thursday that he will extend his playing career only as long as his three children will let him.

"It's kind of up to my kids, really," said the 31-year-old father, who is in his 13th pro season.

"I've missed so much of my kids' tournaments and things of that nature when I'm playing. So, it's kind of up to them. They'll let me know when they're tired of seeing me go away."

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LeBron James

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Revamped Pens put to task against Bolts

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning swept 3-game season series

On the calendar, the gap between the last time the Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning met and Friday night's Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final is less than three months.

Within the lifespan of a season, it seems a lot longer.

When the Lightning blew past the Penguins 4-2 on Feb. 20 — a victory that earned Tampa Bay a sweep of its three-game season series with Pittsburgh — Steven Stamkos was still scoring goals, Matt Murray was still the Penguins' third option in net and the Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan's midseason overhaul remained very much a work in progress.

Not anymore. Stamkos remains out indefinitely while dealing with a blood clot, and Murray has become a revelation in near lockstep with the Penguins' evolution from enigmatic underachiever to Stanley Cup favourite. No wonder the Penguins couldn't help but laugh when asked if they could remember what happened on that sloppy Saturday in mid-winter when the Lightning built a quick three-goal lead and cruised.

"I couldn't even tell you," Pittsburgh forward Phil Kessel said. "I don't even remember when we played them last."



The Lightning's Ondrej Palat scores past Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury on Feb. 5 in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Probably best to just block it out and press forward anyway at a time of year where short-term memory loss is an asset.

The Penguins wrapped up a 12-day highwire act against rival Washington on Tuesday night when Nick Bonino fired home the winner in overtime of Game 6. The cathartic celebration sent Pittsburgh to the conference final for the fourth time since 2008. Less than 72 hours later, they face the only team that's been more dominant in the post-season.

The Lightning raced through the first two rounds of the play-

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Tampa Bay has won each of its five one-goal contests in the playoffs — a sign its long post-season run a year ago wasn't just puck luck.

offs, dropping one game each to Detroit and the New York Islanders. Remarkable, considering they've been without Stamkos and defenceman Anton Stral-

man, still recovering from a fractured left leg.

Stamkos is practising but the five-time all-star hasn't been cleared for contact. Stralman appears to be on the verge of returning, though coach Jon Cooper is in no hurry to announce his lineup, saying Thursday "it's just pointless to talk about whether they're going to play or not."

Shortly after fizzling against the Lightning in February, the Penguins put together a 14-2 surge to end the regular season they have carried into May.

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2014 WINTER GAMES

Doubts arise over doping samples

The IOC "would not hesitate" to retest drug samples from the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi if there is evidence that doping controls were manipulated, according to the Olympic body's medical director.

A Russian whistleblower told CBS' 60 Minutes that four Russian gold medalists from the Sochi Olympics used steroids and Russian security agents worked as doping control officers during the games.

"The IOC will follow up any issues very carefully," medical director Dr. Richard Budgett told The Associated Press. "We

did have international experts in the lab monitoring all the testing going on. We made it as secure as we could."

Budgett said the International Olympic Committee has stored all doping samples from Sochi at its lab in Lausanne, Switzerland.

"We will consider whether reanalysis will help us ascertain if there was any manipulation or not," Budgett said in a telephone interview. "There is no

decision on that yet. But if there is evidence of manipulation, we would not hesitate to test."

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The IOC retains Olympic samples for 10 years to allow for reanalysis with improved testing methods.

IN BRIEF

French prosecutors probe \$2M tied to 2020 Olympics

French prosecutors said Thursday that \$2 million US tied to Tokyo's winning bid for the 2020 Olympics was apparently paid to an account linked to the son of the disgraced former IAAF president in the months immediately before and after the Japanese capital won the games.

The French financial prosecutor's office said it has been told of payments that were marked "Tokyo 2020 Olympic Game Bid," from a Japanese bank to the Black Tidings company in Singapore.

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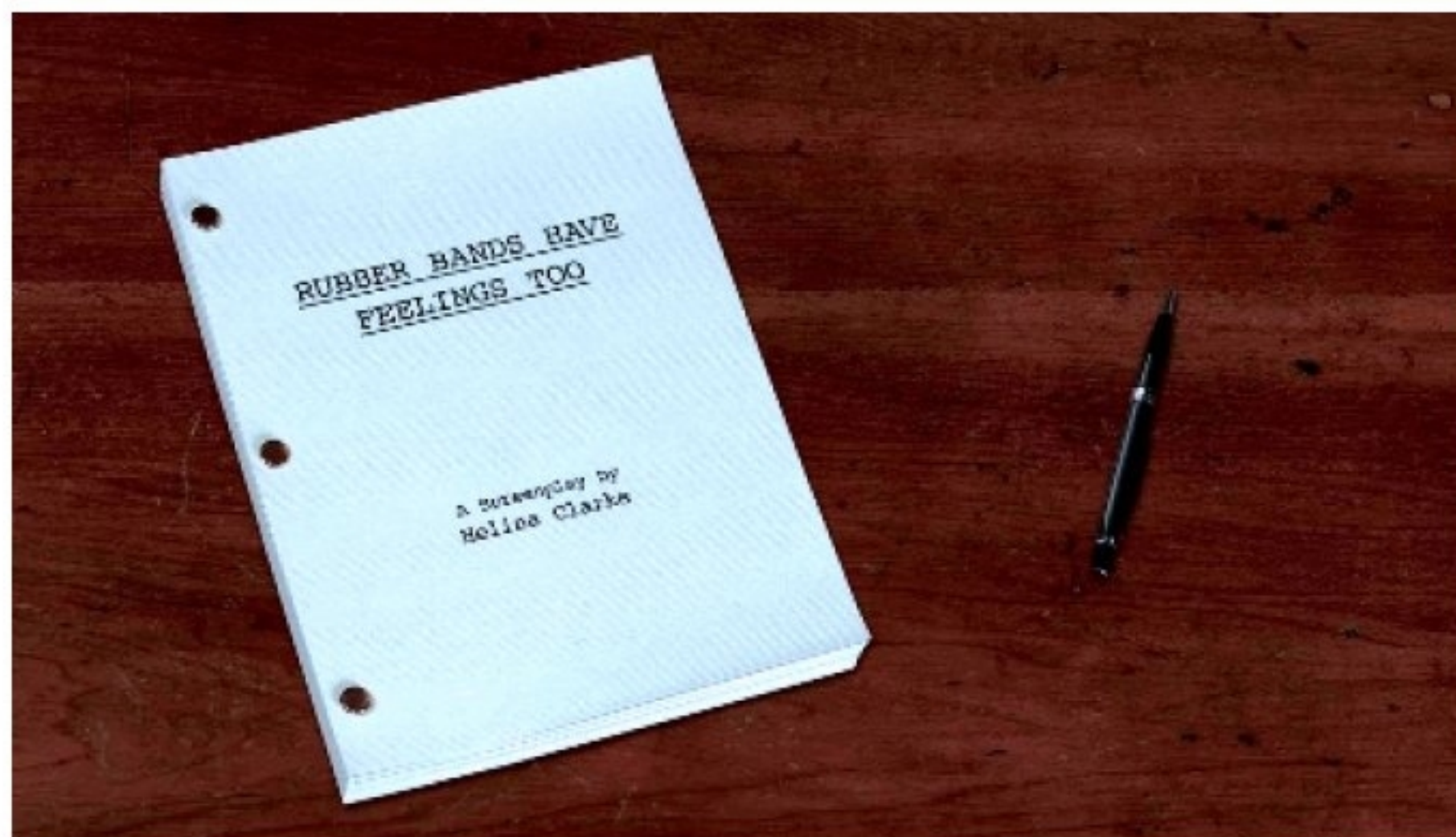
Kenya not compliant with drug-testing: Officials

World Anti-Doping Agency officials declared Kenya's drug-fighting agency out of compliance Thursday, a move that places the track powerhouse's participation in this summer's Olympics in jeopardy.

The move comes less than a month after the country's president signed legislation that criminalizes doping.

Kenya's Olympic committee chairman Kip Keino was shocked. "We are working, everything is done, all that they have asked for."

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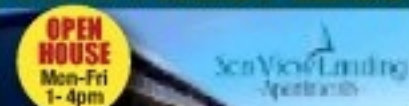
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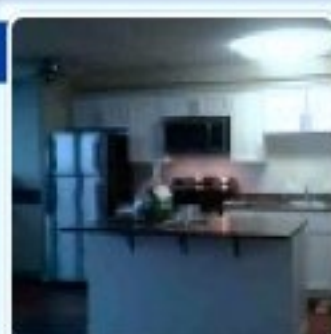
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- Ingredients**
- 4 or 5 filets of salmon with skin
 - 2 cups of peeled, pitted and diced peaches (I used 3 peaches)
 - 1 cup unpeeled, diced cucumber
 - 3/4 cup diced red pepper
 - 1/4 cup washed, finely chopped cilantro
 - 4 Tbsp lime juice
 - 1 tsp of chipotle chilies, minced

Directions
1. Mix all the ingredients for the salsa except the chilies. Separate

the amount that you think you'll give little kids or those with zero tolerance for heat. Then add your chiles to the remaining mixture and stir. Taste and check seasoning. Cover and place in the fridge while you fire up the grill.

2. Wash and pat dry the salmon. Season the fish with salt and pepper and a slick of olive oil on both sides. Place the fish on the grill, skin side down. Now, don't touch that fish. The heat from the grill will sear the fish and allow it to come away from the grill. Leave for 4 to 5 minutes, depending on the size of your filets.

3. Use a thin spatula to flip the fish. Allow to cook for another 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from grill and use a fork to break into the middle to see if fish is opaque. Serve with a heaping spoon of salsa.

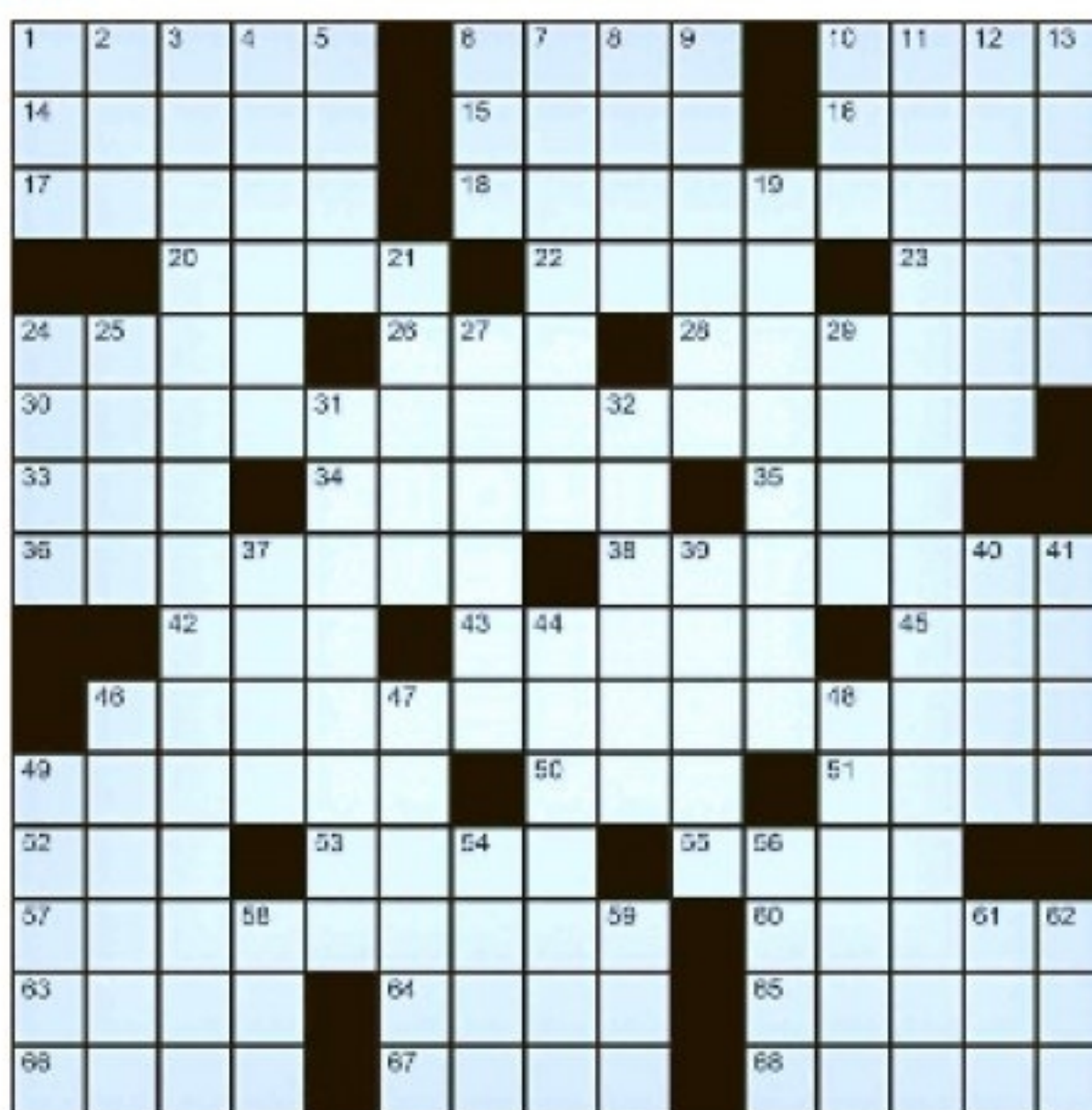
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- CH-149 __ (RCAF search & rescue helicopter); or, Large fish-loving seabird
- Laughing sounds
- Pantene __ (Shampoo)
- NBC show since '75
- "Right on!"
- Comedian Mr. Phillips
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- Mr. Holbrook
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- B-F in betweeners
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- Kids" (1989)
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- '60s songstress Ms. Spector
- Basket fibre
- Capsize
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- Volcanic crater
- Gently
- Type
- Plentiful
- Fleetwood Mac hit in 1982: 2 wds.
- "Jump __!" (Get going!)
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- Icicle's locale
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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a tricky day because you have great moneymaking ideas, but you should wait until tomorrow to act. Today's overconfidence might trip you up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are persuasive today. Naturally, you can use this advantage to go after what you want. However, what you want might be different by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You want to seek out answers today. You also have patience and motivation to find what you're looking for. In fact, you feel like a sleuth.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Discussions with artistic, creative people will please you today. You might admire what they can do. (Don't spend money on anything other than food or gas today.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a tricky day. The Moon is in your sign, but it's a bit wobbly. This means that what you initiate might not fulfill your objective. Easy does it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a loosey-goosey day. Nevertheless, you will love to kick around ideas about travel to distant lands or doing something "different." Just dream; do not act today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Resist the urge to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property today, because this is a poor day to do so. Ironically, people are in agreement. Go figure.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a lovely day to hang out with partners and close friends, and just schmooze. Take a long lunch. Enjoy the company of others.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Although it's easy to get along with co-workers today, your efficiency might suffer because you don't feel like working. Warning: Don't initiate anything new.

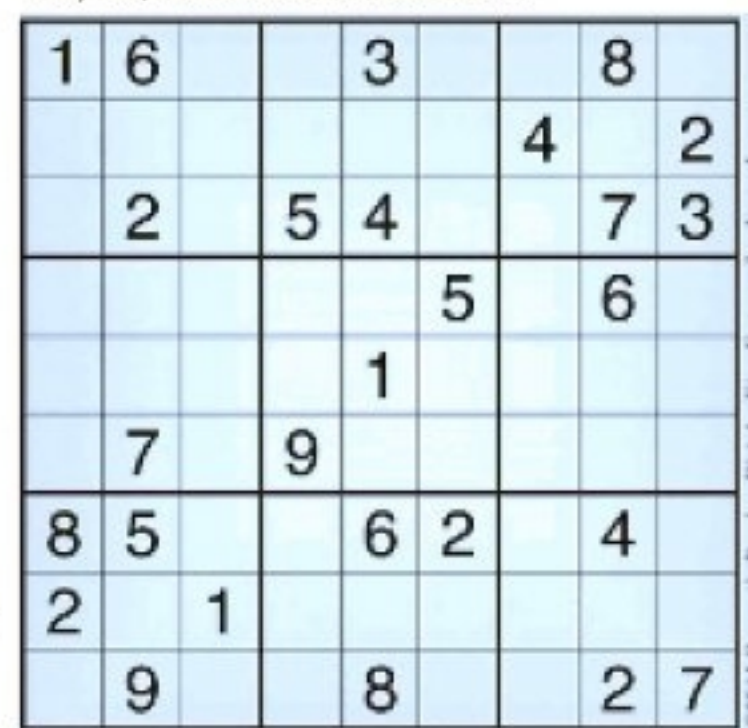
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a wonderful, creative day! People who work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry will be full of clever, original ideas.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Nevertheless, don't agree to anything important. Just coast.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Resist the urge to initiate or suggest new ideas at work today, because it's a poor day to do this. However, you can research and get further information about what you hope to do.

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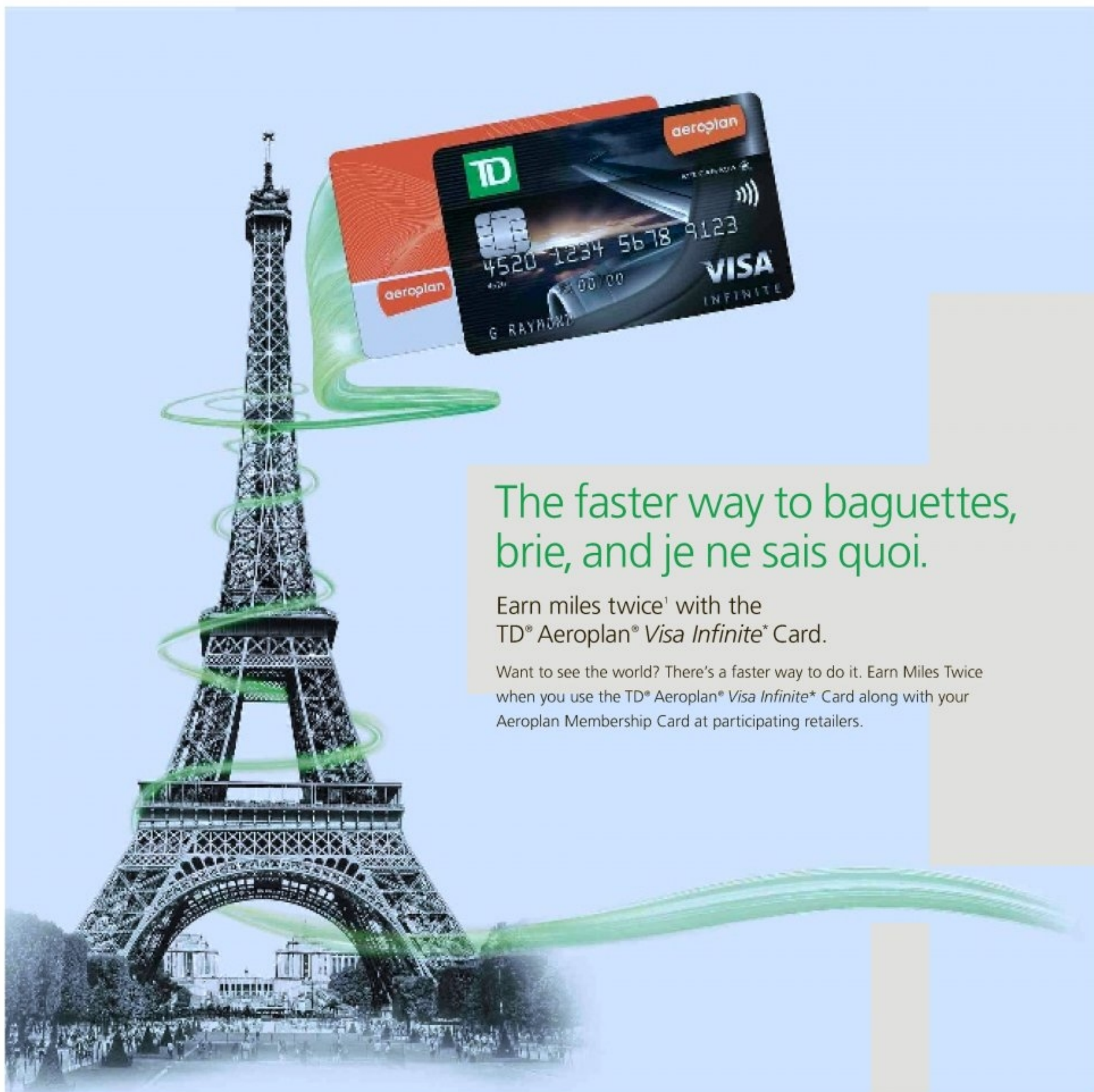


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